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National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights

100,000 Deliver Petition to Democrats

By Jim Ryan

SAN FRANCISCO — On Sunday, July 15, approximately 100,000 lesbians and gay men marched down San Francisco's Market Street from the Castro District to the Moscone Center, site of the 1984 Democratic National Convention. The march was peaceful and conspicuously lacked the carnival atmosphere that often dominates this city's Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade.

According to Paul Boneberg and Mary Dunlap, co-chairs of the organizing committee, preparations began five months ago for a march and rally to take advantage of the fact that the entire Democratic Party leadership and about 20,000 members of the media would converge on the city with the best-organized and most powerful gay and lesbian community in the country.

The marchers presented twelve demands to the Democrats:

- Immediate and massive federal funding to end the AIDS epidemic;
- Provision of necessary social services for lesbian and gay youth, seniors, disabled, prisoners, and low-income people, and an increase, above prior levels, of funding to federal programs cut by the Reagan administration;
- An end to violent attacks against lesbian and gay people;
- An executive order prohibiting discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the federal government, including the military and government contractors;
- Passage of the national lesbian and gay rights bill and broad nondiscriminatory legislation at

state and local levels;

- Elimination of all discrimination against lesbians and gay men in child custody, adoption and visitation rights;
- Enforcement of all existing civil rights legislation in society as a whole, including within our own community;
- Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment;
- Elimination of all immigration and naturalization restrictions and international human rights violations against lesbian and gay people;
- The right of women, regardless of sexual orientation or economic status, to choose if and when to bear children, as well as the right to safe, legal, and accessible abortions with freedom from forced sterilization;
- Legal recognition equal to that afforded to marital relationships and economic benefits for lesbian and gay relationships;
- Repeal of all "sodomy" and "solicitation" laws.

Morris Kight, one of the speakers at the rally and a man who has been organizing for lesbian and gay rights for nearly 30 years, described the march this way: "This is not a protest. It is a petition delivered to the party. Now, usually a petition is delivered by 8 to 10 people. In this case, it has been delivered by 100,000."

The Democratic Party platform which was passed by the convention on July 17, includes language addressing discrimination in employment, immigration and the military; anti-gay and lesbian violence; funding for AIDS;

passage of the ERA; reproductive freedom; and enforcement of civil rights legislation.

Given these gains, many questioned the need for such a march. Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, responded: "We're marching to let the Democratic Party know the strength of our numbers and our determination to hold them accountable to deliver on those promises they made to us, because it's basic human rights that we're talking about."

Although the march was billed as a non-partisan event, speaker after speaker lambasted the Reagan administration and urged lesbians and gay men to turn out the vote for the Democratic ticket in November.

Other favorite targets included Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly, whose anti-gay Family Forum III was held here last week and drew big protests in Union Square, including a noontime exorcism by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

The march appeared successful in its attempt to capture the attention of visiting mediaworkers. Many felt it was impossible to spend a week in San Francisco without doing at least one story on "the gay angle." Hundreds of television cameras lined the parade route and circled the rally site. Before the march began, television crews roamed Castro Street with signs announcing they were looking for people from their home towns to interview. Few went away disappointed.



Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence preside over the exorcism of the heterosexual devil from Jerry Falwell at the July 13 anti-Moral Majority rally in San Francisco's Union Square.

Democratic Clubs Elect New Officers

By Jim Ryan

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 200 gay men and lesbians representing 46 clubs convened here over the weekend for the second convention of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs.

The delegates criticized current co-chairs, Peter Vogel of New York City and Gwenn Craig of San Francisco, for maintaining poor communications with the organization's members and its executive director, Tom Chorlton. Chorlton, in fact, had hinted that he would resign unless there were a change in leadership. Lynn Mattingly of Florida and Jack Trujillo of

San Francisco were elected new co-chairs.

Chorlton stressed the gains gay men and lesbians have made in the Democratic Party over the last several years, pointing out that 1984 saw four openly gay people sitting on the party's Rules Committee and six on the Platform Committee. He urged association members to actively seek representation on the Fairness Committee which will design the 1988 delegate selection process.

A resolution urging the Democratic Party chair to appoint at least one lesbian and one gay man to this committee passed unanimously.

Anti-Gay Graffiti Found in Bangor

Three Teens Plead Innocent to Queerbashing

By Maureen Williams

BANGOR, ME — Three teenagers pleaded innocent on July 17 to charges that they murdered a man here on July 7 because he was gay. Four persons witnessed the murder.

Third District Court Judge David M. Cox accepted the pleas of innocence from James Francis Baines, 15, Shawn I. Mabry, 16, and Daniel Ness, 17, all of Bangor, in connection with the drowning death of Charles O. Howard, 23, also of Bangor.

Howard and his lover had relocated to the Ellsworth/Bangor area from Portsmouth, New Hampshire just two months before Howard's murder. Howard's friends in this conservative northern city or 32,000 said his overt style made him an easy target for fagbashers.

According to police and the prosecutor, assistant attorney general Thomas Goodwin, Baines claims that Howard "made sexual comments to him a few weeks" earlier, and that at 10:30 p.m. on July 7, Baines recognized Howard, then walking downtown with a friend, as the same man who reportedly made the comments.

Despite his screams that he could not swim, witnesses said the three young men repeatedly kicked Howard while he lay in the street, then picked him up and threw him over the railing of the State Street bridge.

The trio spent the night of July 8 in jail awaiting pre-trial court action and

then were released to their parents.

Judge Cox's continuation of their releases, without objection by police or the prosecuting attorney, at Tuesday's arraignment has fueled the anger and frustration of Bangor's newly formed Gay, Lesbian and Straight Coalition. The mixed coalition, formed eight days after the murder, underscores members' belief that the murder represents an extreme expression of prejudice against and harassment of gay people, which is not uncommon throughout this state. The murder is also being used to persuade state legislators, now recessed, to amend the Maine Human Rights Act to protect people who have a gay or lesbian affectional preference.

Police records show that Howard's companion on the night of the murder, Roy Ogden, reported he was harassed by unidentified persons some weeks before the slaying. But, police were unable to question anyone due to incomplete descriptions of the harassers and the car in which they rode.

On the afternoon of Monday, July 9, just hours after Judge Cox released the accused killers on the condition that they remain at their homes and not leave unless accompanied by specified adults, Ogden said he and a friend were heckled by Baines. Ogden reported that Baines yelled "Hey, faggot!" as he and the friend walked downtown just half a block from the site of

the murder.

Assistant attorney general Goodwin asserted the July 9 incident had been completely investigated by the Bangor police and they turned up no evidence that Baines had been downtown unsupervised. Ogden could not be reached for comment.

Goodwin was quoted in a July 13 Boston *Globe* story that appeared on page 1 as saying the three young men were released because they were "not a threat to the community." Contacted by GCN, Goodwin said he had been interviewed by the *Globe* reporter in Bangor, "but what I told him was . . . release with specific conditions enforced by the court would adequately protect the community and would adequately ensure that the youths would show up in court [for future hearings]. Those are the two factors the court has to consider when looking at the pre-trial detention/release decision involving juveniles. These are statutory. I told that to [the *Globe* reporter], and emphasized that to him. In fact, I emphasized to him that I was not saying that they were not a threat to the community, but he apparently did not get that subtlety."

Goodwin was also quoted in the *Globe* as saying the accused did not intend to murder Howard because they did not know he had drowned. Goodwin told GCN, "I'm not prepared to make any comment on the evidence beyond

the evidence that's contained in the affidavit, which you already have. There is some evidence that would suggest that when these guys left the scene, they didn't

know Mr. Howard had drowned — that he had died."

Howard was buried in Kittery, Maine on July 12. His brother,

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Portland Responds

By Sue Hyde

PORTLAND, ME — Nearly 500 gay men, lesbians and straight people rallied and then marched through downtown Portland on the evening of July 13 to protest the July 7 murder of 23-year-old Charles Howard in Bangor, 132 miles to the north. Many of the participants in this city's first public gay and lesbian demonstration wore pink ribbons in Howard's memory.

According to local gay activist Phil Gautreau, the minister of the First Parish Unitarian Church, Dick Hasty, facilitated a one and a half hour rally at his church preceding the march. In addition to readings of the affidavit of probable cause containing testimony of the Bangor investigating police officer and of statements by local gay and lesbian activists, audience members testified to incidents of queerbashing and harassment to which they had been subjected.

Gautreau told GCN that march organizers anticipated the crowd might shrink as the rally moved outside to begin the march. "People expressed a lot of anxiety at the rally, but were so bolstered by it,

they came out in the streets," Gautreau said. He reported that about 50 people turned out for a similar rally and march in Lewiston, Maine, also held on Friday, July 13.

Gautreau said Portland's Gay People's Alliance, a University of Southern Maine campus organization with broad-based community support, will launch a more aggressive effort to contact local institutions in hopes of conducting educational programs and consciousness-raising sessions about homophobia and its effects on gay men and lesbians. Gautreau is also looking into the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund in Howard's name.

In the wake of Howard's murder, gay men and lesbians in Portland are renewing their sense of community and what it means to be homosexual in a heterosexist world. Says Gautreau: "Most people I know in Portland are talking about [the murder] and seeing themselves as part of a community. It's served to help people start talking about being gay."

— filed from Boston

News Notes

quote of the week

"By an act of sympathetic imagination I can begin to understand, and perhaps address, the position of a lesbian, a black gay, an older gay, a female impersonator, a transsexual. Their feelings are not entirely alien to my own. But a gay person who votes Republican? Isn't that a basic contradiction, like a straight man who actually likes women?"

"I can no more picture myself supporting Ronald Reagan than I can see myself developing a taste for Wagner or Lawrence Welk (or Wagner as played by Lawrence Welk, which seems to sum up Reagan). And it's far easier for me to imagine rimming Jesse Helms than voting for Jesse Helms."

— The irrepressible Michael Schwartz, media columnist for North Carolina's *Front Page*, Vol. 5, No. 12.

radical faeries

LOS ANGELES — The Radical Faeries will hold a Spiritual Gathering August 31-September 7 in a secluded nature preserve outside Los Angeles. About 150 gay men are expected to attend.

Harry Hay, founder of the Mattachine Society in the early 1950s, suggested the first Faerie Gathering held six years ago. "There was a time when gay men were considered by their cultures to be magicians, healers, priests, shamans," said Hay. "We would like to explore the kinds of energies which made this true."

Three vegetarian meals a day are included in the registration fee for this year's gathering, which will be in the style of a campout. For more information, contact Jim Seale at (213) 930-1576 or write to Star Circle, 4550 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90027.

temple military recruitment case briefs filed

PHILADELPHIA — The Temple University military recruitment case may finally be heard by the city's Commission on Human Relations.

According to *Gay News*, Temple's attorneys have filed a brief arguing that it "did not violate the Fair Practices Act by permitting the U.S. military to interview law students on campus." In November 1982, two gay law students filed separate complaints with the Commission charging that the school violated the city's gay rights ordinance when it allowed military recruiters on campus. All branches of the military expressly exclude or discharge gay men and lesbians.

Briefs on behalf of the students contend that the school's Placement Office falls under the definition of an employment agency, and as such, is required by the Fair Practices Act "not to provide its services to employers that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

The Temple brief argues that the Placement Office "refers all students, regardless of their sexual orientation, to employers who use the facilities...." The brief says that no employer has asked for heterosexual students only and that such a request would not be honored.

The U.S. Department of Justice has likewise filed a suit in support of Temple, saying the Constitution "precludes" the city from applying its ordinance to prevent military recruitment at the school.

The city has 30 days in which to file a brief rebutting the school's arguments. Then the Commission may rule on the case.

health official's request for more aids money goes unheeded

WASHINGTON, DC — A memo sent from the assistant secretary for health, Dr. Edward Brandt, Jr., to his boss, Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler, requesting millions more dollars for AIDS research, has so far gone unheeded by Heckler, according to the *Washington Blade*.

Noting that the additional research funds are needed to "seize the opportunities which the recent breakthroughs have provided us," Brandt asked for an additional \$20 million for fiscal year 1984 and an increase of \$36 million for the fiscal year 1985 budget. The supplemental funds would raise the 1984 AIDS appropriation to the Public Health Service to \$68 million; the FY 1985 request would top \$91 million.

Although Brandt asked that his memo be forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget, the May 25 communique to Heckler is "still circulating in the office of the Secretary," according to an HHS spokesperson. And Heckler herself has not yet seen the memo, now more than six weeks old. Heckler has called AIDS the nation's "number one health priority." And as recently as June 18, she told reporters, "If it requires a supplemental appropriation, of course, I will naturally request it."

Jeff Levi, Washington staff person of the National Gay Task Force, said he was disappointed and angry that six weeks had passed since Brandt's memo with no word from Heckler. "That they can't get moving on this is incredible," Levi told the *Blade*.

helms' campaign in hot water over anti-gay ad

RALEIGH, NC — Gay and lesbian support for North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, Sen. Jesse Helms' opponent in the state's senatorial campaign, has exploded as an issue in the race, according to the *Front Page*.

The chairman of North Carolina's Democratic Party has accused Helms' re-election committee of violating federal campaign laws in its advertising campaign which charges that Hunt accepted contributions from gay rights advocates. Chair David Price has asked the Federal Election Commission to investigate the Helms for Senate Committee and J.C.D. Bailey, a Helms supporter who allegedly purchased the ad space as an "independent" contribution to Helms. Price said Bailey is a member of Helms' state finance committee and as such, he may not engage in "independent political activity."

The ad copy read, in part, "Governor Hunt, did you or did you not accept a \$79,000 contribution from gay activists?" Both Hunt and gay activists in North Carolina say that no such contributions have been made to Hunt's campaign. But Hunt is widely acknowledged to be the candidate favored by many of the state's gay activists over the arch-conservative and homophobic Helms.



LAGPACQ's Chuck Fraser (1) and Geraldine Ferraro.

ferraro on gay issues

JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY — Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro addressed about 80 members of the Lesbian and Gay Political Action Club of Queens (LAGPACQ) on July 2, ten days before Walter Mondale named her as his running mate. In her speech that evening, Ferraro assessed her chances to be the candidate as "fifty-fifty."

Ferraro told the LAGPACQ members, half of whom identified themselves as living in her district, that she supports and will vote for the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill, but will not become a co-sponsor. She blamed the make-up of her district, saying, "My district is just too conservative. I have a responsibility to my constituents and I care about them."

Audience members suggested that her district's demography has changed; that her recent rise to national visibility would offset any backlash from conservative constituents and that her role in the Democratic party carries with it a leadership role on issues such as gay rights. But Ferraro rejected all these attempts to persuade her to become a co-sponsor of the federal gay/lesbian bill.

Ferraro said she has "always opposed discrimination" and brought out as an example her 1979 vote against the McDonald amendment, barring legal service funds from being used in cases involving gay/lesbian civil rights. She attributed her "no" vote on the House bill to legalize private, consensual sexual activity in the District of Columbia to the ordinance's lowering of criminal penalties for rape.

allston women to hold second community meeting

ALLSTON, MA — A second community meeting to discuss the recent rash of rapes in the Allston-Brighton area will be held on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym Building of the Jackson Mann Community School, 40 Armington St., in Allston.

This meeting is a follow-up to the June 25 community meeting. Its purpose is to begin work on neighborhood, citywide and statewide programs to address the problem of rape. Issues on the agenda range from designing legislation to reviving the area's Green Light program to improving city services.

The Allston-Brighton Women's Issues Committee, the Allston-Brighton Housing Alliance and City Councillor Brian McLaughlin are sponsors. For more information, call (617) 725-3113 or 254-3555.

anti-porn ordinance vetoed again

MINNEAPOLIS — For the second time this year, Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser, a Democrat, vetoed on July 13 an ordinance defining pornography as a violation of women's civil rights, according to the *Boston Globe*. The 13-member city council had passed by a 7-6 vote an ordinance similar to the one it passed last December, vetoed by Fraser at the beginning of January. Fraser vetoed the ordinance on the grounds that it is an unconstitutional infringement of First Amendment rights, but at the same time assailed "the scourge of pornography that is dangerous to women."

About 25 singing and chanting demonstrators — two men among them — disrupted the Council meeting and were subsequently arrested. Three days earlier, a 23-year-old woman poured gasoline on her head and set herself afire to protest the selling of pornography in a downtown bookstore. She is reported to be in stable condition with serious burns.

The Council did give the bill's proponents a minor victory, however. It passed and Fraser signed an updating of the city's existing obscenity ordinance to define "sexually violent" material as obscene. And another provision requires sealed opaque covers on sex magazines sold where minors can see them — to discourage the sale of such material in neighborhood stores. A coalition of feminists and neighborhood activists opposed to adult bookstores and X-rated movie houses had again joined forces to lobby for the bill.

madsen legal fundraiser

BOSTON — About 100 people attended a fundraiser for Chris Madsen on July 18, raising nearly \$1000 to support her in her legal battle with the Christian Science Church.

The benefit, held at Greystone's, a local women's bar, was sponsored by the Madsen Legal Fund and received large contributions from 18 individual sponsors. Ginny Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, was among the 18 individual sponsors. Apuzzo has lent strong support to Madsen, who was fired from her job as an award-winning reporter for the *Christian Science Monitor* in January, 1982 because she is a lesbian.

The six members of the Madsen Legal Fund are gearing up for Madsen's hearing before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court the week of September 10.

sperm supremacy

SONOMA, CA — A California judge ruled that a Sonoma County lesbian must grant visitation rights to a gay man who donated sperm for an at-home artificial insemination. The judge said that although state law provides that sperm donors are not to be considered natural fathers if the sperm is used by a licensed physician in artificial insemination, the law does not extend to procedures done without a doctor, according to *Mom's Apple Pie*, the newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund.

The lesbian mother was also ordered to inform the donor of all major medical and educational decisions affecting her son. Another lesbian, who had been acting as co-parent to the boy, was also granted visitation privileges, but her rights were ruled to be secondary to those of the sperm donor.

national now convention

MIAMI BEACH, FL — The National Organization for Women held its annual convention here, June 28-July 1, and included lesbian/gay rights workshops led by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund board member Rosemary Dempsey. The convention also featured Democratic candidates Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. Campaign fever was in the air with hundreds of NOW members wearing buttons proclaiming "Win with a woman," and Woman VP NOW." When Mondale addressed convention-goers, NOW members chanted, "Run with a woman, win with a woman."

In-depth discussion on lesbian/gay rights constituted a significant part of the convention program. On Friday, Dempsey addressed domestic partner/alternative family legislation and lesbian custody cases in the workshop "Lesbians and Family Life."

On Sunday, Dempsey spoke again on NOW's New Jersey lesbian/gay rights legislative project. Dempsey has been hired by NOW to lobby for a gay and lesbian rights bill in the New Jersey legislature. The New Jersey bill would insert the phrase "affectional preference or sexual orientation" within the text of New Jersey's existing Laws Against Discrimination. Dempsey said the bill has a good chance of passing. "We're targeting January '85 as the date. That's not an optimistic prediction. That's when we're going to do it."

Ginny Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, also addressed NOW's membership. She spoke of the nationwide struggle to pass gay rights legislation: "We will not turn back and we will never go away. We're nobody's nasty little secret any more."

'Myth California'

1000 Protest California Beauty Pageant

By Scott Brookie

SANTA CRUZ, CA — For the last 61 years, this coastal city in central California has been host to the Miss California contest, a "build-up" event to the Miss America pageant. And for at least the last nine years, the event has met with larger and larger demonstrations by people protesting against it.

This year, nearly 1000 people — the largest crowd to date — demonstrated outside the city's Civic Auditorium on June 18, while a sell-out crowd of 1400 watched the contest inside. At the culmination of the pageant, four male demonstrators who were ticketholders to the event walked onstage and shouted, "Men resist sexism!" several times before being ushered out of the auditorium.

"We're protesting two different things," said Gary Reynolds, a gay man who was one of the four to reach the stage, in a telephone interview. "One is the discriminatory nature of the pageant as far as which women are or are not allowed to participate. The other is that the pageant exists in the first place. I feel much more strongly about the latter."

The four men were subsequently charged with trespassing and creating a public disturbance. There were no other arrests.

Outside the auditorium, the large crowd was noisy and spirited, shouting, "The pageant promotes rape!" and "How dare you judge us!" Demonstrators filled the sidewalk on both sides of the street and spilled out into the roadway. There were occasional confrontations with members of the pageant

audience as they made their ways through the crowd and into the auditorium.

"I was chanting 'The pageant promotes rape!'" said one demonstrator, "and one man looked at me and said, 'Good.'"

The majority of the protesters were women, many of them in costumes, some without shirts. A number of men were also present, including several in drag.

De Clark, a past organizer of the protest, decried the pageant, saying that it "uses women's bodies as a kind of glorified advertising that comes off like community service."

In an interview with GCN, Clark added that the Miss California pageant has major corporate backing, including Nestle, noting that the predominance of corporate supporters is "kind of played down." Clark also commented that "they're selecting for a sort of ideal that is very white and very skinny and very hairless and very young and very heterosexual."

In response to a comment that the reigning Miss America is black and that the first runner-up in the Santa Cruz contest was a deaf woman, Clark replied that "beauty pageants are doing their tokenizing as the pressure is put on." And Reynolds commented that "they are broadening the scope of who can be objectified."

As the demonstration has grown over the years, it has taken on a life of its own and has come to be known as "Myth California." Protest organizers this year adopted the theme "Positive Im-

ages of Women;" the 1983 demonstration focused on the prevalence of eating disorders among women.

In conjunction with the demonstration and at the urging of fat liberation activists, Santa Cruz Mayor John Laird, a gay man, declared the week of the pageant "Body Image Week." Susan Dubin, who weighs over 300 pounds and is a member of the National Association to Aid Fat Americans, wore a bikini and rode past the auditorium in a motorcade. Dubin, along with local lesbian activist Julie Brower, rode in a convertible emblazoned with signs reading, "We'll do it our weigh," and waved to the crowd which cheered them on enthusiastically.

Behind the vehicle carrying Dubin and Brower was a truck bearing a ten-foot plaster rendition of a muscular, faceless Egyptian goddess, arms raised over her head.

Objections to the demonstrations have grown yearly as well. Sponsors and supporters of the Miss California pageant itself appeared in force at City Council meetings following the event demanding that the council do something about the confrontational nature of the Myth California demonstration.

In a reversal of roles, local businessmen and women and their allies vied for media attention and carried placards into the council chambers which read "Rid our city of fear," and "Police protect us."

On July 10, the City Council,



Susan Dubin (1) waves to the crowd at Myth California protest.

dominated by liberals and socialists and headed by Laird, affirmed the protesters' right to demonstrate while requesting a police plan to reduce confrontations by the time of the pageant next year. Pageant organizers had threatened to move the pageant, an economic boon to the city, to a more receptive area. Demonstrators vowed that if the pageant moves, they will follow.

Asked about the tension bet-

ween pageant-goers and demonstrators, Clark replied, "If people participate in an oppressive institution, especially if it's popular, culturally sanctioned and economically stable, I think they have a little confrontation coming to them."

She concluded, "Sure, they're nice people. Some of the nicest people in the world participate in the pageant. That's not the point."



Ellen Shub

'Not Just Genocide'

BOSTON — Massachusetts State Troopers carry away one of the 40 protesters arrested on July 16 at Boston's Logan Airport Hilton Hotel, the site of a conference for arms manufacturers on marketing their products to the Third World. The event, sponsored by the Technical Marketing Society of America, is the third such conference in the Boston area; the fourth was called off after protesters pressured the host hotel to cancel the event.

The 40 people arrested entered the hotel to perform acts of civil disobedience, including a die-in in the hotel restaurant, chaining themselves to a cannon in the hotel lobby, and pouring blood on the walls of the dining room. A legal picket line also marched outside the hotel to draw attention to the conference.

Twenty-two of the protesters were released on personal recognizance after arraignment in East Boston District Court on charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. The remaining 18, who refused to identify themselves, were held at MCI Framingham and the Charles Street Jail until they gave their names. All but one did so after spending a night in jail, and were released. The one John Doe left will be held in Charles Street Jail until a hearing on July 24.

One conferencegoer, interviewed by a local radio station, commented: "They think we're in here talking about genocide, but actually, we're talking about a whole range of things."

Sophisticated Safeguards

Researchers Discuss Safety of AIDS Testing

By Larry Goldsmith

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Representatives of the Travenol-Genetech Company, one of five firms selected by the U.S. government to develop a screening test for Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV-3), met with Cambridge residents and city officials on July 17 to discuss public concerns about the safety of the research. The virus is now thought by scientists to be the cause of AIDS.

The company, formerly called Clinical Assays, has voluntarily approached the city's Biohazard Committee, which is charged with enforcement of an ordinance regulating recombinant DNA research, and agreed to abide by the terms of that ordinance. The agreement is voluntary because the HTLV-3 research involves no recombinant DNA techniques and is therefore not regulated by the ordinance.

However, Cambridge Health and Hospitals Commissioner Dr. Melvin Chalfen, who chairs the committee, noted at the hearing that the techniques and safeguards used in the research will be similar to those used for recombinant DNA work.

The company has already received a sample culture of the HTLV-3 virus and is growing it on a small scale. The research will involve growing somewhat larger quantities of virus in order to develop a test that can be used to screen blood for antibodies. Such a test could then be used by blood banks to screen donors' blood for evidence of past exposure to the virus.

At least one city councillor has expressed concern that the research might pose a health threat to Cambridge residents. In an article in the July 10 Cambridge TAB, Councillor Sandra Graham said the council had not been informed soon enough about the research and said she had "some major questions" about the research.

"I want to know how it will be disposed of, can it possibly get into our drainage?" she asked the TAB. "Will it be traveling down our city streets?"



Sandra Graham

Graham brought her questions to the hearing, where company representatives showed slides of the laboratory, located on Vassar Street near Memorial Drive, and described the functioning of the various safeguards. Entrance to the laboratories is controlled by airlocks, with a fan system creating a negative pressure in the inner rooms so that air may enter the room through the airlocks, but

may leave only through adequately filtered exhaust fans. All material leaving the laboratory is chemically disinfected and sterilized in an autoclave before being removed or disposed. And only disinfected water, used by laboratory workers after removing two pairs of surgical gloves, will be introduced into the city sewer system. The laboratory is also equipped with a sophisticated system of intercoms, alarms, and interlocks to insure that everything functions properly.

Dr. Francis Chen, the company's project manager for the HTLV-3 research, noted that "at this point there is no evidence to indicate that this virus is transmissible to laboratory and hospital personnel. There is also no evidence that the virus is transmitted by airborne means." And Dr. Jerome Groopman, an AIDS researcher at Boston's Deaconess Hospital and the Fenway Community Health Center, who attended the hearing, said that the virus requires highly specific conditions to survive. "If the virus spilled on the table," he said, "or if the virus came into contact with very simple fluids, such as alcohol, it would die."

"We're not against the research for AIDS," said Graham, "but we are against these things coming into the city without the city council's knowing about it."

Elizabeth Brown, speaking on behalf of the Cambridge Lesbian and Gay Alliance, asked that a lesbian or gay man and a person with AIDS be included on the committee overseeing the research.

Susan D. Fleischman

Community Voices

About That Insert...

Dear *GCN* Subscriber:

You'll notice something extra stuffed inside your newspaper this week. Enclosed is a paid advertising supplement including *Fag Rag*, the gay male journal that has been publishing since 1971, and a new quarterly journal called *Bad Attitude, A Lesbian Sex Magazine*. We're excited about this collaboration in which both gay men and lesbians talk explicitly about sex — a rare occurrence in gay publishing in these days of human rights ordinances, when *sexual liberation* and the consciousness raising that must accompany it seem to have been lost in the shuffle.

Some of you may not like what you read (though we hope you'll think about it and write letters), while some of you will love it (and we hope you'll then choose to subscribe). But most of all we hope you'll accept these journals in the spirit in which they are offered — one of thought, exploration and growth.

— The *GCN* Staff

the raid before stonewall

Dear *GCN*:

The question asked, "How did an anarchistic outbreak of violence in response to routine police harassment become the symbol for a political movement that now claims conservative elected officials alongside sex radicals and Castro clones?"

The response: "Of course, there is no simple political or historical answer."

It is most disappointing that the *GCN* could not take the interest or effort to supply their readers with the factual answer to why, all of a sudden, after years of tolerating police raiding their bars, arresting patrons and owners alike, and placing the GIANT signs, signs that described the locals as "homosexual hangouts" in the windows as warnings of future persecution of others, that some should find the courage to stand up to persecution and oppression?

What lit the fuse to make Stonewall explode? Did anyone ever wonder?

The answer is available in the police records, and will show that three nights before Stonewall, another raid was made on another favorite watering hole, the "97" on St. Marks Place. The records might even show in operational reports, how many of the raiding officers were hospitalized for treatment.

The Same Sex Oriented community that you serve deserves to know the history and the genesis of why Stonewall became the prominent "happening" that has served as the catalyst for our class to band together to defend our rights.

Many of your readers should be able to confirm from them being present at the "97," and others, who while at the Stonewall, were talking of the carnage of the attacks on the police, when they too were about to become victims. It was the action at the "97" that fused the Stonewall, and who knows when else it would have happened if that small group didn't punch out the plainclothes cops that began ripping down the awning over the bar at the "97."

It is important that your readers know that it was not a large group who took the initiative to fight back. They must know it was the actions of "individuals" that then prompted the masses. They must be made aware that they can be the fuse for a new and more important "Stonewall" somewhere in the future. It is only when the individual will step forward and act, that others will then pick up the banner and follow, and each has that potential when they will stand against oppression.

Keep up your good work, for you have done more than most, but call on our vast resources and gather the truth and information for dissemination to the rest.

Thanks,
Edward Federowicz,
Rahway, NH

Go, Gay State

Well, folks, Massachusetts is back in the lead in the "Pick Up A Friend for *GCN*" sub race with a serious challenge from Ohio. Why Oh, Why Oh, did we ever leave Ohio indeed! Push those subs, cubscouts.

gay strike farce

Dear *GCN*:

I found the article about the Gay Strike Force in June 23, 1984 *GCN* totally ridiculous. First of all, since when have gay people started quoring the "authorities" when it comes to gay people? Until it is proven otherwise, Earl Steven Karr's statement that he is a member of "the Gay Strike Force Against Public Oppression" should be accepted as factual. The basis for the *headline* over the article that the bombings are an "apparent hoax" (apparent to whom?) is the assertion of another "authority," a Federal Prosecutor no less — a Mr. Rosenbaum.

As the article states, from the *outset* the "authorities" expressed doubt that the bombings were the work of the Gay Strike Force. Before the smoke had cleared away from the first bomb site the "authorities" were issuing statements that this wasn't the work of gays! Events of this nature usually take months and sometimes *years* to get to the bottom of and here we have an instantaneous decision: "Gays are not responsible." The "authorities" must know what every gay person in America is up to. I wish *GCN* would investigate this a little more *seriously*, and not simply accept what the "authorities" have to say about it. I wouldn't be too quick to accept Rosenbaum's assurance that no gay or lesbian organization is being investigated in connection with the bombings.

Also, the statement by "gay activists in the Midwest" that they "had never heard of a Gay Strike Force" was absolutely laughable. If such an organization exists, don't you think it would tend to be clandestine? Obviously, *nobody* had heard of it *until* the bombings. As for the "whole idea is stupid and insane," maybe so. But so are gay bashings. As for gays being discredited, gays never had any "credit" in the eyes of the straight world. The statement "clearly this is not going to benefit gays" is *another* laugh. Desperate people will do desperate things. I recall during the black civil rights fight that some blacks would commit acts of violence, set buildings on fire, and a couple of months later in the city where the acts took place a black would be appointed to some *high* office. And people would cry: "That's rewarding them for breaking the law." Perhaps so, however, such breakings of the law were very beneficial to blacks. Nobody "approved" (at least not openly) of what some blacks did, but they were quite willing to accept the benefits. A lot of white people said of the acts of violence committed by blacks: "It's *understandable* why some blacks act this way given the oppression they have suffered all these years." The same could be said of gays.

Sincerely,
James Lynott
New Bedford, MA

surprised by the anger

Dear Nancy Langer,

I was surprised to see your angry letter in response to my article about the forum on lesbian battering held in New York on June 22, 1984. I don't understand why you were so offended because as I stated in my article — and still believe — the forum was an excellent event in which the organizers created an atmosphere that contributed to women feeling safe enough to express themselves honestly about their experiences with violence in lesbian relationships. Because the article was full of praise for your work, I'm surprised at your anger.

Sarah Schulman
New York City

help!

Dear *GCN*,

I am a transsexual and since 1982 I have been touring the state prison system in New York, from Queens House of Detention to Elmira, Clinton, Attica, Auburn and back to Clinton.

On June 18 I was placed in segregation (involuntary protection) for reasons which are totally crap. I'm given 1 hour a day for "recreation" (outside of my cage), for my having "female attributes." I am constantly being harassed, humiliated and threatened by correction officers.

They refuse to transfer me. But I truly believe if I was sent to a facility closer to NYC where officers are used to seeing people such as me, my problems wouldn't be so dangerous as they are here. I do know many transsexuals in Green Haven, Sing-Sing, and Eastern prisons that are being treated more or less as human beings, as much as caging people can be called "human."

I need help! Please take a few minutes of your time to write a letter to these two people to let them know that I am not entirely alone and that there are people outside watching out (a little) for me: Dept of Corr. Services, State Office Bldg., Albany, NY 12226; and, Prisoners Legal Services, David Leven, 20 Versey St., New York, NY 10007.

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looking for john wieners

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With thanks,
Raymond Foye
Allen Ginsberg
New York, NY

the ugliness still festers

Dear *GCN*:

For years, I have been speaking at rallies, cultural events, and in poetry, about racism. However, racism is too generic a term for what I want to discuss here. I am referring to the black-white situation that exists in the gay community in the Boston area.

A week or so ago, I was at the Marquee with some friends celebrating my completion of a rigorous six-month training program in data processing. One of my friends is a handsome, older black woman. She had closed the bathroom door because the light was shining in our eyes. A minute later a younger white woman came barreling out of the bathroom and began to scream at my friend. When my friend tried to tell the woman that she had not intentionally slammed the door, the woman became more abusive and aggressive. My friend finally told the woman that she did not want any problems in the bar but would gladly step outside and continue the discussion. The younger woman looked at my friend and fled.

This is an ordinary example of bickering between women if taken out of the context of where it happened. Unfortunately, too many like occurrences have graced the insides of the Marquee and they are invariably black-white. The question here is not who is right and who is wrong. The question is why it happens at all.

The Marquee is not the only bar where this occurs. It has happened to me at Somewhere Else, at the 1270 and just about any gay establishment that serves liquor and has dancing. If it's not women, it's men.

I don't know about anybody else, but I spend most of my time dealing with racism outside the gay community. It doesn't seem to be asking for much that this not happen when I go out.

But perhaps I am being unfair to the bars. When I think about it, the same kind of ugliness has happened to me and others at events for women and gay events. This state is rife with racism. The ugliness has not diminished in the ten plus years that I have made Boston my home. Indeed it has grown and flourished. The only people who profit from hatred are people who have a stake in seeing that blacks and whites continue to bump heads. This ugliness maintains the status quo. All the gay mayors, gay council people and other gay elected officials will not make life any better if this continues to grow. If anything they are a placebo for folks to refer to and say, "See, we made progress!" And with this they close their eyes and ears to what is really happening.

This year I did not go to the Gay Pride March. My excuse was that I had to work. But in reality, I had very little to be proud of. I could offer suggestions for improving relations between groups, but they would be old suggestions that everyone already knows. I expect that this letter will bring protests and testaments but these will not make this country a more beautiful place. The ugliness will still be here, growing and festering until it will be all that is left.

In Peace,
Stephanie Byrd
Dorchester, MA

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Speaking Out Sexual Abuse or Man-Boy Love?

By Emily Matilda Kahn

Is all adult-child sex inherently abusive to children? This question may be answered quite differently when seen from two related, yet at times antithetical, viewpoints — the sexual liberation movement, and feminism. The controversy around child sexual abuse and pedophilia has for this reason become one of the most inflammatory issues ever to face the lesbian and gay community.

Recent awakening to the prevalence of child sexual abuse has coincided with the increasingly vocal presence, within the gay community, of a group of men who advocate “man-boy love.” In recent years the fragile web of lesbian-gay relations has been strained and torn by the struggle with this issue. Most lesbian activists have tended to take the feminist position that all adult-child sex is an abuse of power and an abrogation of the rights of children. The gay male community has become divided, as some men side with the lesbian feminists, while others have supported the contention that children’s rights include the right to be sexually active with adults, and that gay rights include the right of men to be sexual with minor boys.

Against the background of this tension, a media “expose” exploded in the Philadelphia community, claiming that Giovanni’s Room carried a pamphlet entitled “How to Have Sex With Kids.” (For a discussion of this controversy, see *Labyrinth* v. 1 No. 2). The community was revisited by the age-old myth that homosexuality means child molesting. The very existence of Giovanni’s Room, which is currently the best-known geographic and information center of the Philadelphia gay and lesbian community, was threatened.

In response to this crisis, the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force called a number of community meetings. One meeting, held on June 26 at the Friends’ Center (1501 Cherry Street, new site of the PLGTF), focused on the issues of child sexual abuse and its connections, or lack thereof, to pedophilia or “intergenerational sex.”

About 45 men and women attended the meeting, which had been planned by activists Rita Adessa, Larry Gross, Victoria Brownworth and Mary Lou Schack. Dr. Schack facilitated the proceedings. She acknowledged that no consensus would be possible in such a presumably divided group, and instructed us to discuss rather than debate three major questions: Are pedophilia and child sexual abuse the same thing? Why is this an important issue for the lesbian and gay community? And what, if anything, should we do about it?

The rigid ground rules for discussion had been planned in anticipation of heated arguments, but no tensions erupted during the first hour. In fact, there were long silences while participants collected their thoughts, or perhaps hesitated in fear of potentially violent dispute. A few people had prepared two-minute oral theses which they presented to the group, but even the less well-prepared seemed to be so articulate that spontaneous discussion was at first quite inhibited. Later in the meeting, some degeneration occurred as strong feelings led to a number of insinuations, personal attacks, and defensive retorts.

Nevertheless, some important ideas were raised. Although the opinions of community members diverged as sharply as expected, a few points of agreement did appear.

Separating the issues of child sexual abuse and intergenerational sex proved to be quite difficult without a clear definition of what exactly we meant by “child.” Several men pointed out that many gay teenagers are first “brought out” by adults, and that this is often a positive experience for the young men. One participant stated that he’d begun cruising thirty-year-olds when he was 15, and “no one’s going to call me a monster.” (No one did.) Could there be an important difference between adult-child sex and adult-adolescent sex? Many people seemed to think so, but no exact age was agreed upon for the sake of discussion, nor was this difference kept clear later into the meeting.

A social worker who works with abused children declared that all pedophiles are in an arrested state of development. Someone else stated that pedophiles are unable to obtain approval and intimacy needs from adults and so turn to children instead. On the other hand, it was pointed out that similar statements have been made about gays, so we should be careful about whom we are judging and how.

Larry Gross spoke up to warn against condoning the control of “deviance” by the professionals. Our history as lesbians and gay men — judged as sick by psychiatrists, criminal by lawmakers and sinners by churchmen — provides us with ample evidence of professional abuse. Pointing out that “pedophilia” is a psychiatric label, Dr. Gross encouraged us to use the term “intergenerational sex” instead.

Given that only adults have the power to protect the rights of children, what are these rights? Can a six-year-old give informed consent to a sexual act with an adult? Can a fifteen-year-old? Who is to judge? When do children become adults, and have we stretched the age of childhood unnaturally far? Given that children are sexual beings, what forms should their sexuality take? Who is to decide? If we as a society do decide, should we enforce our decisions by law, or should we merely encourage compliance with certain agreed-upon standards of sexual behavior toward children? The questions, more than any tentative answers, were

exciting ones.

Connections between heterosexual sex and adult-child sex were drawn from two vantage points. First, Colleen Lamos asked us to consider why some men find boys erotic. Isn’t it because they are passive, beautiful and innocent — like women, suitable objects for aggressive male sexuality? A male participant countered that power differentials exist everywhere, even in relationships between same-sex adults, and that these differences are not necessarily abusive or unhealthy. Another pointed out that it may be easier for a woman than for a child to control or to walk away from a sexual situation with a man.

A different connection with heterosexuality was highlighted by a member of NAMBLA (North American Man-Boy Love Association), who reminded us that most child sexual abuse is perpetrated by men who are primarily oriented toward adult women. He emphasized that men who love boys, as opposed to heterosexual molesters of male or female children, are concerned for the good of the child involved.

Angrily, the social worker retorted that he as a gay male was “insulted that this exists in our community.” He declared that in his view, pedophilia is violence, not sexuality.

In spite of the fact that we were unable to clearly separate the issues, we did seem to agree that sexual abuse of children does exist in many if not all cases. It was also evident that most of those who spoke did care about protecting children from abuse and exploitation, although our definitions of “child,” “abuse” and “exploitation” were quite divergent.

The second major question of the evening — why is this issue important to the lesbian and gay community? — had one obvious answer: the public outcry about Giovanni’s Room has made it so. Whether or not we as individuals believe that all adult-child sex is abusive, our whole community is being attacked on that basis.

It is also our issue, others averred, because all forms of oppression concern us. Both the oppression of children and of sexual minorities are at stake here. The lesbian and gay community includes radical feminists, and it includes members of the North American Man-Boy Love Association. It also includes many, many survivors of child sexual abuse.

Finally, as Arlene Olshan of Giovanni’s pointed out, discussion of this topic requires access to information. For this reason, Giovanni’s Room, as a vital gay and feminist information center, must be preserved. While opinions were sharply divided as to whether Giovanni’s informational responsibilities include the responsibility to provide a positive view of intergenerational sex, the meeting was nearly unanimous in its support of Giovanni’s Room as an entity.

What should we as a community do about the issue of adult-child sex? As we discussed this final question it was rapidly obvious that “we” could hardly present a united front to the world at large. However, we did seem to be united in a desire to express our concern for the welfare of children. Possible actions included initiating programs for lesbian and gay youth, and participating in existing social service programs as lesbians and gay men.

Although controversy flamed high over the policies of Giovanni’s Room, Arlene Olshan suggested that, in the future, anyone who objected to their stock should bring this objection to the owners, rather than to the “authorities.” This direct approach will help to avoid endangering the lesbian and gay community and also prevent accusations of betrayal.

We agreed, finally, to hold more meetings to deal with this difficult issue. We decided that formal position papers may be presented at future gatherings. The need for more diverse representation was clear: only one Black was present at the June 26 meeting, and there were no adolescents or men who admitted to being survivors of child sexual abuse. Indeed, in spite of our good intentions, little was said about the needs, feelings, and experiences of actual children and youth.

In future meetings, I hope it will be thought worthwhile to stress the differences between children and adolescents, and also the differences between boys and girls. No one at this meeting asked whether intergenerational sex is less harmful to male than to female children. Yet at least one study has shown that boys tend to look back upon their sexual experiences with adults as being significantly more positive than do girls. (This may be in part because a much higher ratio of sexual abuse of girls occurs as incest within the family).

We might also ask whether children, male or female, ever feel the same kind of desire for sexual activity with adults as some adults do for children. Is it sex that boys want in their relationships with adult males — or do they really seek other kinds of intimate affection?

Finally, I would like to see a discussion of the nature of sexuality as a negative element in our society. Why does sexual activity seem to be even more harmful than physical battering when inflicted by adults on children? It is often physically painless — why then is adult-child sex experienced as emotionally traumatic by so many victims?

The answers to these questions will not be easy. But the questioning process may help us to work toward a world in which children will have the power, as one participant in the community meeting said, to “have their no’s respected and their yes’s effected.”

The Philadelphia Story

By Nora Mitchell

Recently, quite a controversy erupted in Philadelphia. The city’s gay, lesbian and feminist bookstore, Giovanni’s Room, is the focal point. The store stocked a highly controversial pamphlet entitled *How to Have Sex with Children*. The title is certainly provocative, as is the cover, which depicts Frankenstein offering a girl a flower. In conjunction the two form a picture of our worst fears: the sexual monster and the innocent child. When I first saw the pamphlet I thought, “Oh, my God, he’s asking for it.” My reaction was unfair. The publisher, David Sonenschein, was exercising his right to make a point, not asking for the obscenity charges which have now been brought against him in the state where he lives. While the cover is provocative, the contents are thought-provoking. I would have liked to recommend that anyone interested in pedophilia, whether for it or against it, read the pamphlet — only it is no longer available.

With the disappearance of this pamphlet from the shelves of Giovanni’s Room and other bookstores a voice in the gay, lesbian and bisexual community has been silenced. What disturbs me is the part that gay men and lesbians have played in this particular drama. For those unfamiliar with the controversy involving Giovanni’s Room here is a brief summary culled from Philadelphia’s *Gay News*. A group, including gay men and lesbians, was outraged by the pamphlet and brought it to the attention of city councilwoman, Joan Specter. When she failed to respond, they pressed the issue. As a result, she called a press conference to draw attention to the fact that the store was selling the pamphlet. The straight press had a field day. The store was picketed. A brick was thrown through their window. Finally, the owners removed the pamphlet from the shelves. A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature to review the distribution of this “kind” of literature in the state. The latest phase in the whole mess is reported in the July 12th issue of *Gay News*: a petition drive, launched in the gay and lesbian community, calls for monitoring of the store’s selection to ensure that Giovanni’s Room not sell any titles which contradict “the fundamental tenets of our community”; *How to Have Sex with Children* is characterized as contradictory because it is “anti-feminist.” Of all that has happened, the petition drive is most disturbing.

The members of any minority group are as different from each other as they are different from the members of any other group. Our community is no exception. We encompass the widest possible spectrum: there are lesbian separatists living on Vermont farms and gay businessmen living in Manhattan penthouses, and these are just two stereotypes, not real descriptions of real people. As we tell the heterosexual world: we are everywhere. And in every social niche.

The imputation of anti-feminism against this pamphlet seems like a cover for another agenda. The petition drive really represents an attempt to make a visible gay and lesbian institution look respectable to the heterosexual majority, something we can never achieve.

We need to respect ourselves and work from there. The petition refers to the “fundamental tenets of our community.” The only fundamental tenet on which I can imagine us agreeing is liberation — and perhaps even on that point there would be argument between those who advocate fighting for our rights and those who advocate fighting for our liberation.

What is going on? Have gay men and lesbians joined the book banning craze that is sweeping the nation? The message of this petition is clear: we will censor ourselves.

Censorship — self-imposed, legal, or social — is abhorrent. We know that as well as, or better than, anyone; the closet, as I remember, is a silent place.

Even if one does not believe that a child, no matter how loving or supportive the circumstances, is capable of giving “consent,” the refusal to discuss the subject can serve no purpose except to create a new category of “love that dare not speak its name.” Silence, not open discussion, is destructive. Speaking out, even if what one says is touchy, serves society better than silence, because it stimulates further thinking, be it only in the form of retorts. This attempt to clean up our community strikes me only as a manifestation of internalized oppression.

To censor ourselves is to serve our enemies. Censorship negates our diversity. It also endangers us, by failing to stand up for our absolute right to free speech on one hand, and by indicating that even we think there might be something to be censored, fuel for anyone’s fire, on the other. Censorship is akin to the last-hired, first-fired routine: last-heard, first-silenced.

I have worked in bookstores for several years. During that time I have witnessed increasing attacks on bookstores, libraries, and the publishing industry. A recent court case involved a book about sex for children called *Show Me*, one of the most open and relaxed books of its kind. The publisher cannot sell the book. It is now classified as porn. On the Federal level a new, severe law has been passed against kid porn. It is so strict that there is some question whether or not certain medical textbooks might be classified as obscene, and therefore banned. In Atlanta an employee of the gay and lesbian bookstore, Christopher’s Kind, was recently arrested and charged with the distribution of obscene materials. He had sold men’s magazines to undercover cops. This is no light matter: if convicted he faces a maximum of two years in jail and a \$2000 fine. In another incident, Bell South has tried to get Christopher’s Kind to delete the words “gay” and “lesbian” from their yellow pages listing. In Canada censorship is legal and common. The Glad Day Book Shop in Toronto faces regular harassment: arrests, inspections, specifications about the magazine display, delays of shipments.

The pressure from the right is strong. Not only is censorship a possibility, but a reality. In all our diversity we need to stand against it and insist on our right, not our privilege, of free speech. I hope that people in Philadelphia will stand behind Giovanni’s Room.

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State House Candidates Pledge Support

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Approximately 75 people attended the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance Candidates' Night on July 16 to hear a selection of candidates for state representative and state senator air their views on lesbian and gay rights.

Martha Jones, speaking for incumbent Rep. Sal DiMasi (D-Boston) who was ill, praised DiMasi and called him "a champion in the fight for the state lesbian and gay rights bill." DiMasi has voted in favor of the bill and argued for it on the floor of the House. "He has, for a man of his background, come a very long way," Jones said.

Incumbent State Senator George Bachrach (D-Water-town/Cambridge), a co-sponsor of lesbian and gay rights legislation, called the bill "as important an issue as I think there is. It is a question of civil rights and justice and that is what brings us into this business." Bachrach acknowledged that he maintained a low profile with regard to the bill in the last legislative session because he felt his difficulties with the Senate leadership might do the bill more harm than good. But Bachrach said that in hindsight, that strategy seemed a mistake, and the senator pledged to speak out strongly in the future in support of the bill.

Sen. Royal Bolling, Sr. (D-Boston), another co-sponsor of the bill, delivered a prepared statement before fielding questions. "Gays and lesbians are vital actors in the political arena, and their issues must be addressed by all of us," he declared. Referring to the recent murder of a gay man in Bangor, Maine, Bolling noted that "this note of optimism must be balanced against the tragic news from our neighboring state of Maine. There, we have seen chilling evidence of the strong, often violent undercurrent of discrimination which still exists in our land."

Mark Govoni, a union representative conducting an energetic and highly visible campaign against incumbent Senator Michael LoPresti (D-Cambridge/East Boston), pledged strong support for anti-discrimination legislation. "As a white heterosexual male, I'm sure I have felt the least discrimination of anyone in this soci-



Mark Govoni

ety," Govoni said. "But I have experienced that feeling and I will continue to work against discrimination.... I will not waver."

LoPresti, who received the group's endorsement two years ago over the vocal protests of Alliance members who objected to his support for the death penalty, did not appear at the candidates' night and failed to return the Alliance's questionnaire. Although he has expressed support for lesbian and gay rights legislation and has voted for it in the past, LoPresti failed to appear last year during a Senate rollcall in which the bill lost by one vote. According to Govoni, LoPresti has also failed to respond to an invitation that they meet for a public debate.

Rep. Thomas Valley (D-Boston), principal sponsor of the lesbian and gay rights bill in the House, addressed himself to a recent statement by the four Catholic bishops of Massachusetts opposing such legislation. "There's a new player in the city of Boston regarding civil rights for gay men and lesbians, and that's the Catholic Archbishop of Boston," Valley said. "If Bishop Law wants to, I think, break away from the national view, then I think he should be challenged on that. If we have to challenge him on the floor of the House, we will.... He's wrong."

Valley also drew attention to the existence of a \$1.5 million line item in the new state budget earmarked for AIDS research, and said he supported hiring a member of the Governor's Task Force on AIDS to administer grants from that fund.

John McDonough, who is seeking the seat now held by Rep. James Craven, Jr. (D-Jamaica Plain), said, "there is a substantial gay community in Jamaica Plain, in the parts of Roxbury in the dis-

trict." McDonough expressed his support for the lesbian and gay rights bill, saying he "would not just vote for it, but would be actively working for it."

David Venator, whose opponent, Sen. Joe Walsh (D-Boston), earned infamy when he referred to gay men and lesbians as "fags and lesbos" during Senate debate on the lesbian and gay rights bill, criticized Walsh's remarks. "As a white, Protestant heterosexual, I was appalled by the statement he made with regard to the lesbian and gay rights bill," Venator said. In response to questions from the audience, Venator, who is a minister in the United Church of Christ, said he is "pro-choice," supports public funding of abortions for women who cannot pay, and is against the death penalty.

Kenneth Mills, speaking for Sal Tecce, an opponent of Rep. Sal DiMasi, said his candidate, a North End restaurateur, "has been active in supporting gay and lesbian issues for a long time, as an employer of members of the gay community." Mills said Tecce worked with Boston City Councillor David Scondras in lobbying the council on the recently-enacted Human Rights Ordinance. In response to audience questions, Mills said Tecce "personally is against abortion. However, he supports a woman's right to choose whether she wants to have an abortion or not."

Incumbent State Representative Byron Rushing (D-South End) said he wished he had more time for a detailed discussion with the Alliance. "I'd like to talk about the Archbishop and his incredible theology," Rushing said. "I'm proud that I have a lot of gay and lesbian people in my district," he added. "I'd like to be known as the state representative that represents a big chunk of the gay and lesbian people in the state."

James Young, a Republican candidate running for Rushing's seat, stated his own support for lesbian and gay rights and criticized his opponent for inaction. "I'm looking at the assaults and the harassments on gay people in the city," he said, "and I have yet to hear my opponent speak out in a strong way."

The Alliance membership will vote on endorsements at its August 13 meeting.

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Survival Stories

Speak Out On Lesbian Battering

By Nancy A. F. Langer

Listen to a few stories of lesbian battering and you'll find it difficult to store them separately in your memory banks. They'll run together to form what looks like a smeary picture from an old tabloid — a cowering victim, her abuser ugly with rage.

If the scene is tawdry, it is also familiar. Wife beating: a cycle of abuse and shame keeps a woman prisoner. Her self-esteem deteriorates. She feels unable to fight back or flee. Her capacity to tolerate unhappiness is distended. But the broken noses, fractured arms, beatings aren't the worst part of it. The worst part is the fear of death.

The victim uses lies like, "I walked into a door," and "I fell down the stairs." The abuser uses

job in the country working as a cabinet maker. She had a record of having her lovers work with her.

I was freshly out of computer school. I didn't like the field I was in, so I needed a job and I decided to give it a try. That seemed to be pretty much her style anyway, to get people who needed that kind of security and provide it for them. In order to isolate them. Since it was a 45-minute commute for me, it was a natural thing for me to start living with her. She was still living with her ex-lover, but then her ex-moved out and I moved in. It was the next logical step; then we got a house closer to work which was a really big farm house, really isolated.

I had a chance to get a car from my mother, but somehow it was a big

finally left, it had gotten to the point that I felt my life was at stake. We had a wood stove, and you know the irons you push the coals around with? She came after me with one of those and hit me with that a couple times on my leg.

Thank God it wasn't my head. She broke a bottle on me one time. She would hit me when I tried to get away from her. That time when she hit me with the iron from the stove I ran right to the steps just trying to get away from her. She knocked me down on the kitchen steps and started banging my head on the steps. She was yelling the boss's name, not mine. I think she really blacked out from that; I passed out and I came to with this enormous ache in my head, 'cause I had been hit so many times. I

for so long. Yes, I learned a lot, but the abuse hardened me in a lot of ways. I still suffer the consequences from it.

People have said that there isn't any difference between battering and S and M sex. There's a big difference. I now identify as a sado-masochist. I know the difference from real experience. In battering, the abuse came from a woman who was victimizing me under consequence of anger. She was someone who could not handle her own anger. The power was all on one side. It was *not* consensual. It was *not* in actuality power,

My mother stayed home and was controlled by her lover. Frankie would smack my mother around, rip her glasses off. One time she tore the phone out of the wall, destroyed the Christmas presents under the tree, destroyed the tree. I mean she did a lot of destroying around you. She would just go off of it and say things that didn't even really make sense. She would throw my mother against a wall, and smack her around and be verbally nasty.

In my opinion, she wasn't really even talking to my mother. I think Frankie was dealing with stuff on

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lines like, "You made me do it," and "I'll never hurt you again." The community conspires with silence and disbelief. Lesbian battering seems to follow the same patterns.

Why don't lesbian women who are battered leave? The reasons articulated by lesbian victims of abuse parallel those given by heterosexual women who are battered by their men. This begs the question — if men batter to keep women in their place, why do women batter? The answer is obvious. Men don't batter *solely* to keep women in their place. That analysis is too simplistic to describe such a disturbing and complex phenomenon.

It seems likely that men who batter women, like lesbians who batter their lovers, and parents who batter their children, draw from the same box of twisted emotions. Perhaps such madness is the natural result of an alienated society designed to pit its members against each other. A feminist analysis of battering has not yet been developed which sufficiently incorporates the subtleties of human emotion and interaction with the realities of power in society.

That's why we can't understand lesbian battering yet. Even if it's happened to us. At this point, the

argument that we didn't need a second car in the family, that we couldn't afford it. So I never got the car — instead, my uncle got it and busted it up in a few months. Every time I tried to get my license, she got upset.

The problem was she was very frightened of being alone. She did everything she could to attach you completely, physically and mentally. Everything survival-wise — to eat, function and sleep — was dependent on her.

My abuser identified as a feminist. As a matter of fact, she was one of the original starters of the women's music. She was a manager at one time of women's music, at one time a heavy separatist, a vegetarian, and a tofu-style feminist, very much so. In terms of men she dealt with them at work, and now and then for pot when she needed it. That was all.

We cared about each other a whole lot, though I think I wasn't old enough to care about her on an adult level. I don't think she was ever mentally stable and that's why she attempted to isolate me. She always said she hated being alone — she hated being alone with herself. In fact, the minute she broke up with someone, she got together with someone else.

The characteristics of abuse were

walked into the living room, and there she sat, playing her guitar. She had actually blacked out that it had happened. In fact she pointed to these little bruises on her upper arm and told me I had provoked it. What must have happened is I was trying to hold her off and I left finger marks on her arm.

She busted my lip a few times. I would have to make excuses to the boss at work why I had a busted lip: Del Martin classic. In fact that was the first book I read after it was over. It was pretty funny because they were supposedly talking about straight women and it was just the same with me.

The time when I left her, it came to a choice of her killing me, my killing me, or my leaving her. She hack kicked my shins so many times that there were knots on them the size of golf balls. I got to the point where I couldn't take it anymore. I started hitting myself in the head with a brick. I guess I was trying to knock some sense into my head. Well, one morning the boss called her and was putting pressure on her to get to work. So that morning we had a fight, she threw me down in the kitchen, and the trash can ended up on top of me, and all the trash, too. She drove to work. I walked.

She got so upset that day that all

because power is positive and that was negative. It was taking away. It *didn't* make anyone feel good. It *wasn't* fun and games. It *wasn't* let's-play-and-pretend. It was someone just not being able to deal with their own anger.

Someone put it really well: If a heterosexual woman who is so-called promiscuous gets raped, did she ask for it? Well, if a woman is a masochist, and she gets battered, did *she* ask for it?

Like a Bombshell

My mother married to get away from the poverty she grew up in. It was very much a security relationship with my father. My mother's first recognition that she was a lesbian was when I was about 9. She met a woman at work who introduced her to her lover. In those days it was very much the butch-femme period. My mother recognized then that she was a dyke and was interested in these women.

She had a *ménage à trois* going with them for a while. As a child I recognized it immediately. It was

the outside that was really heavy. Her anger was like a bombshell. You always know when a bombshell is going off. You get to know the signs of a build-up. As a child, I knew when Frankie was going to blow. I could see it coming.

My mother had this big basket. It was almost as big as I was — kind of like a laundry basket, but it had leather handles. Well, Frankie was beating up Mom. I went upstairs and packed our things into that basket. There was an old gun. I came down the steps with this basket with all our valuables in it, and I held the gun at Frankie. I was very cool and collected. I pointed the gun at Frankie's head, and I said, "I know how to shoot." She knew I had good aim, so she didn't fuck with me.

See, Frankie had thrown my mother's glasses down. My mother has very poor eyesight, and I've always been very protective of my mother's eyesight. When Frankie threw down my mother's glasses, they got all mangled, and I knew my mother and I didn't have enough money to afford another pair for her. It upset me so bad I had to do something about it. So anyway, I called a cab and my mother walked over and picked up her glasses. We backed up the stairs and left to go to my aunt's. I

I think Frankie was dealing with stuff on the outside that was really heavy. Her anger was like a bombshell.

best we can do is listen closely to what victims of abuse have to say. They — not service providers, not activists, not theoreticians — are the real experts. In terms of organizing around the issue, and in terms of developing theory, we can't afford to discount them.

Writer's note: The following anonymous accounts of lesbian battering have been stripped of telling details and edited for grammatical clarity — but are otherwise verbatim stories.

Isolation and Anger

I met her when I was pretty young: I was 20, she was 30 or so. We were dating off and on and when we finally became full-fledged lovers, she offered me a

really always there when we would argue, though we started out mostly arguing about problems not between ourselves. Abuse never happened when we argued about something among ourselves. Abuse happened when something bad outside the relationship was happening and she couldn't work her anger out. She took her anger out on me.

It's pretty classic for people who just can't deal with their own anger. It started slowly. It started mentally at first. Something would happen, a third party would say something that made her angry and I would be automatically blamed for it. Being as insecure as I was, I would automatically believe I was to blame for it. It started pretty gradual, she started yelling a lot, and I kind of let it go. One day she hit me, and it went all up from there for like a year.

It kept getting worse. When I

of a sudden I didn't care anymore that she was upset. It got to the point where I didn't care about anything. We went in the back and she got really aggravated that I didn't care anymore. I didn't care if I was with her. I didn't care if I wasn't with her. I didn't care if she killed me. I didn't care if I killed me. I just didn't care. I gave up all hope. That was the day I left her. I went in and I called up a friend. I said I need to leave, and she came out and got me.

That was two Christmases ago.

I grew up out there in the country. I found out a lot of things about myself. I think that what happened is I was down so far that all I could see was up. The only other way was death. I didn't choose that path. So when I was finally able to see up, I found out what a neat person I could be, and was. I learned some things about me that were kept away from me

fine with me. I knew they were gay.

The relationship my mother got into after she left my father wasn't good. It was never good. My mother had been abused as a child. I think maybe she had a tendency to go toward abusers. The woman she was with was crazy.

Feminism wasn't really around — not in my neighborhood — or at least my mother didn't know anything about it. So she was in this butch/femme relationship, and she and her lover were trying to play out a male/female role. There was a lot of possibility to follow that pattern.

Frankie, my mother's lover, was nice sometimes. She was very jealous of my mother and me though, so my mother didn't show any affection for me in front of her — Frankie would get very angry and start yelling. Frankie had a daughter, too. The deal was supposed to be she got and I got, but that's not what happened. She got and I didn't. Basically I had to grow up a lot.

was 11 years old.

When my mother finally found the feminist community, a lot of people, after hearing what my mother had gone through, thought I would grow up to be a woman hater. But I think I learned to distinguish between positive and negative early in age. I love my mother and father very much. I'm a lesbian today, and I feel good about it.

I'd like to add that I know battering doesn't just happen in butch/femme relationships or only outside the feminist community. I've been in a loft and heard two famous lesbian-feminists next door — one of them screaming and crying, the other yelling "you white bitch" and beating the shit out of her lover. It's pretty hard to sit and listen to it. And these are supposed to be big, famous lesbians. Do we think feminists can't be angry? That we can't batter? Bullshit! I've seen a lot of it in the feminist community.

Scenes from a Working Class Bar

By Pat Gozemba

Fran Collins presides over one of suburban Boston's oldest gay bars. Fran's Place in Lynn, formerly the Lighthouse, remains today the neighborhood, working-class bar that it opened as, but since the early '60s its clientele has become almost entirely gay and lesbian.

A Place in the Past

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Originally many of those who frequented the bar, which has been owned continuously for over forty years by the Collins family, worked in the nearby shoe factories, at General Electric, and in activities centered around the harbor in Lynn. Another steady clientele in the '40s, '50s and into the early '60s was servicemen from Fort Rodman and the Coast Guard station in Nahant as well as the Coast Guard station on Winter Island in Salem.

Exactly when the bar became more frequently regarded as gay remains unclear, but Fran recalls having servicemen tell her that it was posted as an off-limits bar, assumedly because it was gay. The appearance of Military Police in the bar in the '40s and '50s shocked no one.

Today the bar is distinctly gay and lesbian, with almost equal parts of men and women at any time. An easy sense of friendliness pervades the place. Fran's constant presence at the end of the bar near the front door creates an immediate sense of warmth for many of the clientele who greet her and whom she greets by name as they

enter.

Fran is straight herself and the mother of four, though she seems to be the mother to far greater numbers. The details of people's lives — their jobs, their cars, their problems — are abidingly on her lips. In a way this makes the place intimate, but not entirely so.

Loud disco music, a spacious dance floor, video games, a pool table, a long oval-shaped bar provide the back-drop for the usual activities in a gay bar. The atmosphere created by heavy cruising or posed aloofness in many urban bars is replaced by a genuine sense of camaraderie and friendliness. This openness can be challenged, however, if, for example, an unsuspecting woman gets too friendly with a lesbian who is part of a butch-femme couple. Not all women at the bar, however, identify themselves in this way. The persistence of the tradition of butch/femme at this bar characterizes it in a unique way. One gets the sense of a much longer lesbian tradition there than in any of the more popular bars in Boston.

In many respects, Fran's Place does remind one of the bars that we have read about in popular novels such as the Beebo Brinker series by Ann Bannon. The sense of community and the absence of strict adherence to fashion refresh the first-time visitor. This, however, is countered in some respects by the nagging suspicion that there is a dependence on alcohol and on

the bar itself.

Like many gay bars, Fran's Place is the sole connection to a gay and lesbian world for some of the patrons. Drag shows, wet T-shirt and wet jockey shorts competitions, and the usual holiday parties continue to attract the regulars and a constant flow of newcomers, primarily from the North Shore area.

Much of the lesbian and gay history that has been uncovered recently remains the story of white middle- and upper-class lesbians and gay men. John D'Emilio's book, *Sexual Politics Sexual Communities*, and Liz Kennedy, Madeleine Davis and Avra Michaelson's work in the Buffalo Lesbian Oral History Project

the police in some instances, gays and lesbians whose primary center of identification is the bars were the forerunners of the current movement. The crowd at Fran's Place is the heir of that tradition. They are not the "dress for success" lesbians and gays who lobby the state house for civil rights bills; they are the ones who have had to fight for their rights in the most literal sense.

The Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project firmly believes that the histories of bars like Fran's Place/The Lighthouse and their patrons will give us insight into an engaging aspect of our history and our own lives. For this reason, a number of us are involved in taping oral histories of

self when she went to The Lighthouse. She found out about the bar from a lesbian nurse at the hospital who told her "when you get out of here, I know a place that you ought to go to." On Carol's first night at The Lighthouse, she met the nurse and asked her how she knew enough to tell her to go to the bar. The nurse replied, "I knew you'd like it here." Carol recalls being in ecstasy at finding other women like herself.

The isolation involved in growing up in a small North Shore town where no one else seemed to "like girls" in the way she did brought enormous pressure in Carol's life. The community that congregated at the bar offered friendship, tips about job openings, and connections with women who would eventually become lovers.

John, who is now 46 years old, remembers going to the bar for over 25 years. At some of the bleakest moments of his life when he was an active alcoholic, he turned over his pay check to Fran each week so that she would make sure he did not spend the money he needed for rent and other financial obligations. Fran ultimately turned out to be one of the supportive people in John's life who helped him with his battle with alcoholism. Now he feels totally comfortable still going to the bar and socializing. He has a strong desire to politicize more of the regular Fran's crowd, which he does by talking with people individually and trying to get them interested in such things as letter-writing campaigns for the passage of Massachusetts bills focusing on gay and lesbian civil rights, attending meetings of the North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and

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stand as two efforts at examining bar culture and how it speaks to the history of the larger lesbian and gay community. For a large proportion of our lesbian and gay ancestors, the bars *were* gay life; and, for a substantial proportion of us now, they still are. Experiencing the joy and sorrow that surround these bars brings us closer to a community whose voice has been silent because its members do not publish or give seminars, and often do not participate in political activities of the larger lesbian and gay movement.

In establishing their turf in lesbian and gay bars, and fighting off

women and men who have gone to that bar. We are trying to reconstruct both the history of the bar and the community that found it a focal point. Our work thus far in interviewing and in participating in events at Fran's Place like the Annual Reunion has given us a sense of the richness of our history.

We have talked with women like Carol (all the names here are changed for the purposes of anonymity), who was committed to Danvers State (a mental asylum) at 16 years old for being a lesbian, and who first came to realize that there were other women like her-

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Reviewed by James K. Madru

In this small book of poems Rudy Kikel has woven for us a tapestry in which we see revealed the fabric of the poet's life — the golden, sometimes tenuous, threads of youth, of playmates, childhood loves, manly "toughs"; the unbleached, natural threads of family and relatives; the hopeful, green threads of friends and mentors; the red, and sometimes gnarled, threads of lovers and passionate encounters; and throughout, the yellow, blue, and silver threads of the poet's reflections, emotions, and thoughts. In short, Rudy Kikel has given us an intimate view of the people who have made up his life — his *Lasting Relations*.

Family relationships, naturally, comprise a large portion of the book: father, mother, sister, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Images of forebears' visions, immigration, family life, home, and garden — all our American dreams — abound. Seldom these days, however, are the cross-purposes of family life presented so gently. Kikel speaks to the failing directedness of men, the rejection, not only of him, because he is gay, but also of the family, the vision, the dream. He also crosses into the realm of the women, the protection, the succoring, the conspiracy, the ordering of the fallen timbers — the creation of the garden. Kikel shows us that even though there is little room for a gay man in this family drama, he accepts the rejection and still, harkening back to that first poem, carries them within his being. The family response to gayness is summed up by



Rudy Kikel

What's more important, and exciting, about this collection of poems is that if you were to sit down and compose a list of the people who have made you feel alive — have reflected your life to you — your list would be startlingly similar. Oh, the names, places, and times might be different, but the *experiences* and *feelings* would be very much the same. In his clear and insightful language, Rudy Kikel has given us a roadmap by which to rediscover our own lives. In his artistry and through his own history, he subtly reminds us that we too have a full, rich tapestry of life. The purpose, in his words, still echoes in my mind: "Why, to reinvent my history in the process of re-entering it."

The book begins with a poem entitled "Rudy Kikel," and in it the poet attempts to re-enter his history by evoking an image of himself from an old album or, perhaps, a high school yearbook. This sort of retrospective view of self is never easy to do, and often maudlin or self-inflated. Not so here. The image is soft and lyrically funny. Kikel captures much of the earnestness and silliness of youthful visions. And then he ends the poem with a statement that could well be the essential image in the entire book: "While I live, you also shall be kept alive, because you by being yourself let me live. We were — I was — always one."

Working Class Bar

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reading journals like *Gay Community News* and *Body Politic*.

Molly, who was a bartender at The Lighthouse, thinks of it as "the best place we ever had. Men and women got along there, people were always friendly, and Fran took a genuine interest in everyone in the place," she recalls. Molly's experience in bars was extensive; she had tended bar and managed a number of gay and lesbian bars in Boston. Her recollections include police raids, fights, butch-femme traditions, the day-to-day work life of many lesbians, and the impact of the feminist movement on her own sense of lesbian life.

The significant history of gay and lesbian life that Molly has at her command is impressive and humbling. Talking about some of the past jolts Molly into both positive and negative frames of mind that are not always easy for her to deal with; remembrances of people who have died or whose lives were incredibly difficult because of homophobic oppression bother her. Molly sees a clear connection between the women's movement, the gay and lesbian civil rights movement and the earlier battles in the bars and at work.

Judy, a successful business person who lives out of state,

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Diversity Builds at Sisterfire Festival

Power and Pleasure Shared

By Urvashi Vaid

Undaunted by the rain that fell during much of Sunday afternoon, more than 3500 people — black, brown, white, many gay, many straight — basked in the extraordinary diversity of the most interesting women's music festival in the country: Sisterfire, held on June 23 and 24 at the Takoma Park Junior High School near Washington, D.C.

The brainchild of the women at Roadwork, a community-based, multi-racial, non-profit organization devoted to promoting the work of women artists, Sisterfire celebrates the breadth of women's cultural contributions and experience, as well as the role that women have played in movements for social change around the world. From its inception three years ago as a day-long single stage event, Sisterfire has grown into a unique two-day happening, involving more than 80 artists on three simultaneous stages.

Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Nian-ni Kilkenny (a local activist involved in anti-racist and anti-sexist organizing) and Judy Reagon (a local lesbian singer) all on stage together in a session titled "We Shall Not Bow Down." The result was a vivid metaphor for Roadwork's coalition politics, out of which, Sisterfire was born.

The use of three stages, a large concert staged used for the morning round-robins and for longer afternoon performances by individual artists, a smaller "Sun Stage," and a tent-enclosed theater called the "Cove," was maximized by a schedule that allowed performers to play more than once at different locations. This enabled the audience to catch more performances and also encouraged collaboration among the artists (for example, Casselberry & Dupree joined June Jordan and Adrienne Torf for a couple of songs; Edwina Lee Tyler and Piece

growth of black woman's consciousness of herself as a political person" as a central theme in Flamboyant Ladies' work, and noted "we [as women] have intense lives.... Through our work we are trying to illuminate the intensity of our psychic experience."

Other notable moments in brief: Edwina Lee Tyler and Piece of the World's performance in the Cove had the crowd dancing and shaking; Ibis, the New York-based black women's funk-rock-pop band, brought the crowd to its feet for a ten-minute ovation; Holly Near dedicated a song to "all you gals who are out" and asked us "outies" to stand — when more than half of the crowd stood, she asked the other half to stand with us in appreciation; Cris Williamson and Tret Fure gave a solid performance that the crowd enjoyed, though festival-goer Ruth Eisenberg observed, "for a feminist musician Tret Fure is a rocker, but



Roadwork women: organizers of Sisterfire

Sisterfire was a provocative experience particularly because of the diversity of the audience and the types of performances and performers (although rock and rollers were, sadly, absent). As in previous years, the list of participating artists was not just a who's who of the (dare we name it) mainstream, white women's music scene. Sisterfire featured the considerable talents of musicians like Edwina Lee Tyler and Piece of the World (a black women's African percussion-dance ensemble); Hazel Dickens (whose album *Hard Hitting Songs for Hard Hit People* is on Rounder Records); the Reel World String Band (bluegrass); Ampara Ochoa (Mexican singer and member of the "New Song Movement"); Jane Sapp (gospel-blues protest singer); Cathy Fink (folk-protest); Mary Beth Miller (a deaf actress and playwright who formerly directed the New York Deaf Theater); Ethel Raim (who sings traditional European Slavic, Yiddish and Balkan music); Yolanda Mancillo (a local poet); and Maria "Brix" Breyer (a Brazilian-born drummer living in D.C.) alongside better-known performers.

"No one is a headliner here," noted Amy Horowitz, Roadwork's executive director, her point underscored by the publicity for the festival which simply listed performers in alphabetical order. "The point of the different stages is to decentralize the experience." The spirit of sharing the spotlight and of mutual respect for others' talents was exemplified by Sisterfire's use of the "round-robin" concept. Each morning, six to eight poets and musicians, accompanied by interpreters, took turns singing, talking, reading poetry and sharing their talents.

Thus, Saturday morning found Toshi Reagon, Bernice Reagon,

of the World joined Ibis during their encore). All stages were continuously interpreted for the hearing-impaired by a group of excellent interpreters including Janet Bailey, Ava Barnett, Ana Columbari, Susan Freundlich, Sandra Gish, Shirley Childress-Johnson, Risa Shaw and Lynette Taylor.

Like any festival, this one was marked by many outstanding performances, only a few of which can be noted in any detail. June Jordan and Adrienne Torf's music on Saturday caught many in the audience by surprise, but was well-received. Torf and Jordan began their collaboration this past March, an astonishing fact given the amount of material they have already produced. The combination of a drum-machine beat, Torf's impressive ability on piano and synthesizer, and Jordan's powerful lyrics was original and evoked images of New York's punk-performance poetry circuit at its best (e.g. early Patti Smith and, more recently, Pat Place, Kimberly Smith).

The pieces themselves were full of strong, war-sprung imagery and addressed difficult issues like fascism and warmongering and the importance of resistance.

Flamboyant Ladies Theater Co., a Brooklyn-based group formed in 1977 by Alexis DeVeaux and Gwendolen Hardwick and accompanied at Sisterfire by Madeline Yayodele Nelson, founder and musical director of Women of the Calabash, gave the most impressive performance of political theater I've seen in five years. The range of issues and emotions they covered were remarkable: from an unforgettable skit about famine, to a rap song ditty about war, to a fantasy about "The Woman Who Lives in The Botanical Gardens" who one day takes over the institution. Alexis DeVeaux identified "the

as a rocker she's a wimp." Sweet Honey in the Rock ended the festival with an inspirational performance culminating with the song "Every Woman Who Ever Loved a Woman."

The story of Sisterfire would not be complete without a few words about Roadwork, which coordinated the approximately 8400 hours of volunteer-labor over two days. Formally launched in 1978 by a coalition of black and white women in D.C., Roadwork is one of very few feminist organizations in which significant numbers of black, white, lesbian and straight women work together. The organization is fairly political diverse as well — and taps a broad segment of the local women's community for involvement in its projects. (Sistersparks is the name given to the core group of almost one hundred volunteers who planned and helped produce Sisterfire.) The racial diversity of the organization was a direct source of the diversity in the crowd (although Sunday's rain kept many families and new-comers to the festival away), as was the strong community outreach led by Sisterfire 84's General Coordinator Ivy Young.

Describing Roadwork's origins, Amy Horowitz writes in the Sisterfire program, "It was 1977 and many late nights were filled with heated discussions about what the organization would be. Would it be possible to launch an organization based on the concept of coalition, of women working together, sharing power and responsibility across racial, cultural and class lines to produce, promote and discover women's culture as it exists on a global level?" Sisterfire '84 demonstrated not only that it is possible to create such a coalition, but that its potential is explosive.

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Kate Millet, feminist writer and activist

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Luis Solis

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still drops by Fran's on an almost monthly basis. She first went to The Lighthouse 27 years ago at the age of 15. The bar was in her neighborhood in Lynn, and she knew that was where she would find other "girls like herself." Her memories of the bar span several generations, and she still maintains close contact with many of the men and women she first met there. "The real old ones aren't in the bar anymore," she points out.

Alcoholism and a lack of confidence in one's ability to succeed plagued many of the regulars at the bar, though in this respect they are no different from the population in general. Judy looks upon people's fear of being identified as gay or lesbian as one of the major stumbling blocks to success and happiness. Still, she can understand those fears.

Some of us in the History Project met Carol, John, Molly, Judy and many other people at the Third Reunion at Fran's in September, 1983. One member of our project has been going to Fran's for over 9 years and has some sense of the current history of the bar. One of the interesting perspectives on lesbian and gay history on the North Shore that is simultaneously being explored is the almost completely separate communities that exist there focused around the bar, the North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and the vast majority of closeted lesbians and gay men.

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Rumors circulated that more anti-gay slogans were painted on an inner tube which was seen floating down the Kenduskeag Stream through the center of town.

"Yeah, we've heard a bunch of rumors, too," Goodwin told GCN. He added, "That's one of the reasons we've asked for more time, so we can pin this kind of thing down . . . The Bangor police are chasing down a lot of rumors, too."

The next development in the case is expected on July 31 when the Attorney General's office in Augusta will tell the court whether it believes the trio should be tried as adults in a higher court or whether they should be adjudicated as juveniles because they are under the age of 18.

Maine law specifies that if convicted as adults, each faces a mandatory prison sentence of 25 years. However, "if adjudicated as having committed a juvenile crime, 'the maximum penalty would be detention in a juvenile facility until the 21st birthday."

Observers suspect this decision has taken on a highly charged political cast because Goodwin's boss in the state capitol is running for governor. Straight sympathizers and gay people have written a ream of letters to newspapers and authorities, urging Maine Attorney General James Tierney to recommend to Judge Cox that the trio be tried as adults.

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Augusta, ME — Interweave, a support/social/political group for gay men and lesbians. Meets last Sundays of the month. Potluck 6:30PM, program follows. All Souls Unitarian, 11 King St.
Bennington, VT — Lesbian/Gay Christians meet for interdenominational bible study, prayer and discussion. Info: 588-6564.
Gardner, MA — New Direction. St. Michael's Outreach Service 10AM Office hours 7-9AM and 4-10PM. Info: (617)536-7005
New Haven, CT — Gay Fathers of New Haven meets biweekly on Sundays at 7pm. Info: PO Box 5041, New Haven CT 06520.

STUDENT

Boston Intercollegiate Gay and Lesbian Alliance
c/o GAMIT, Rm 50-306, Cambridge 02139
Northeastern U. Lambda, 260 Eli Ctr.,
360 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115 437-2738
GAMIT (Gays at MIT).
MIT 50-306 Walker, Cambridge 02139 253-5440
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay and Lesbian
Student Assoc., Harvard 197 Memorial
Hall, Cambridge 02138 495-5476
Harvard Lesbian and Gay Medical/Dental Students Group
Box 250c, 107 Ave. Louis Pasteur, Boston 02115
Babson College, Gay and Lesbian Alliance
Box A, Babson Park,Wellesley, 02157
Tufts U., Gay and Lesbian Community,
c/o Student Activities Off., Medford 02155 628-2818
Boston College G and L Support Group.
Haley House, Chestnut Hill 02167
Northeastern School of Law, Lesbian and Gay Caucus
400 Huntington Ave, Boston 02115
U/Mass/Boston, Lesbian and Gay Ctr.,
Rm 1-4-178, Dorchester 02125 929-8276
Brandels U., Triskelion, Box 2275 Waltham 02254
647-4491 or 647-4899
Boston U., Gays and Lesbians,c/o Program Resources
Off.,
Sherman Union, Boston 02215
Yale Gay and Lesbian Alumni/Boston,
c/o GCN Box 7, 167 Tremont, Boston 02111
Wellesley Lesbians & Friends, Feminist Coop
Oakwoods, Wellesley Coll. Wellesley MA 02151

WOMEN

Boston Area Women's Self-Defense Collective,
666-0513 or 825-5508
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave.,
Cambridge 02138 661-3633
Dyke Doctors (Lesbian Physicians, Med Students
Health Profs) 524-6335
Gay Professional V'omen's Assn.,
Box 339, Boston U Sta., Boston 02215
Lesbian Lawyers and Legal Workers 723-6327
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian S/M Group 776-7957
National Organization for Women
99 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge 02139 661-6015
Somerville Women's Center, 1 Summer St., 02143 628-6311
Tufts Women's Center 628-5000 x3184
Urania (lesbian and bisexual women's S/M group)
Box 23, 89 Mass Ave., Boston 02115
623-0138 or 731-4230
Women's Alcoholism Program,
6 Camella St., Cambridge 02139 661-1316

RELIGIOUS

Am Tikva 782-8894
P.O. Box 11, Cambridge, 02138
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston 02114 536-6518
Friends (Quaker) for Lesbian and
Gay Concerns, 5 Longfellow Pk., Cambridge
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 262-3057
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
Fr. Paul Shanley 964-0996
Unitarian Universalists Office of Lesbian/Gay Concerns
25 Beacon St., Boston 02108 742-2100

MEDIA

Boston's Other Voice, WROR, 98.5FM Dennis 353-0225
Fag Rag 661-7534
Gay Community News 426-4469
Good Gay Poets 661-7534
Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA)
c/o GCN, 167 Tremont, 02111
Musically Speaking (WMBR 88.1FM, Sun. 1-3)
Melanie 494-8810
Women's Educ. Media, 47 Cherry St.
Somerville 02144 666-0350

Aroostook County, ME — Northern Lambda Nord, Northern Maine and New Brunswick support group, holds business meeting and potluck on the last Sun. each month. Info: NLN, Box 990, Caribou 04736. Gay PhoneLine:(207)896-5888.
Boston, MA — The Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, with a special ministry to the lesbian and gay community, meets at 7pm in the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Info:523-7664.

monday

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian mothers and co-parents rap; third Monday of the month, 8pm, Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633.
Natick, MA — Gentle Empowerment Together; lesbian support/discussion group. 7-8:30pm, Natick YWCA, 231 Bacon St.
Boston, MA — "The Woman's Talk Show" WRBB, 104.9 FM 6-7PM. Music, information, interviews.
Waltham, MA — Triskelion, the Brandeis Gay/Lesbian Coalition. General discussion group at 9pm. Usdan Student Ctr. Conf. Room C. Info: 647-4353, or Box 2792, Brandeis U., Waltham 02254.
Nashua, NH — Nashua Area Gays meet at 8pm. Info: Tony 424-3252, or write: Nashua Area Gays, Box 3472, Nashua 03061.
Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: PO Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.
Storrs, CT — Eastern Conn. Christian Gay/Lesbian Concerned meets at Waggoner Chapel of Storrs Cong. Church on UConn campus. Info:742-3030 and 872-6531. Meets 2nd and 4th Mons. at 7pm.

tuesday

Boston, MA — Urania: lesbian and bisexual women's S/M support group meets every first Tuesday of the month. Safe, non-competitive space for women of all levels of experience to share political and personal aspects of sexuality. 7:30pm. Info: Betsy (617) 731-4230 or Brianna (617) 623-0138. Mailing address: Box 23, 89 Mass. Ave., Boston, MA 02115.
Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633.
Cambridge, MA — Lesbian S/M support group every week. 7:30pm. Info: 776-7957. Open to lesbians supportive of or into S/M.
Cambridge, MA — Boston chapter, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tuesday of the month at First Parish Unitarian Church, 630 Mass Ave., Arlington Ctr.
Pittsfield, MA — Berkshire County Gay Coalition meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Info: (413) 442-7772.
Brattleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Lesbian and Gay Men's Coalition meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St., 7:30pm.
Manchester, NH — Manchester Men's Group. Weekly support group for gay and bisexual men. 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Jack 669-0096.
Portland, ME — Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at First Parish, Unitarian, 425 Congress St. 8pm. Open to all.
Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm. 1st Tuesdays. Info: 249-7691
New London, CT — New London People's Forum. Support group for gay men and lesbians. Info: 536-3095 (4-9pm).
Boston, MA — Nat. Ass. of Social Workers, Gay and Lesbian Task Force meets 1st Mons at 8PM. Info: Lorrie 436-7521 or Carrie 482-0557.

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

AIDS Action Committee
c/o Fenway Community Health Center
16 Haviland St. 02115
AIDS Action Committee Hotline
M-F 3-9pm Sat 10am-4pm 536-7733
AIDS Hotline (Dept. of Health)
Mon-Fri 424-5916
Boston Free VD Info 1-800-272-2577
(8am-10pm, M-F)
Alcoholics Anonymous 426-9444
Exodus Ctr., 25 Huntington Ave. 02116 266-0612
Gay AlAnon (families of alcoholics) 843-5300
North Shore Gay and Lesbian Counseling
Program (non-profit) 744-5322
Tapestry Inc. 20 Sacramento St.,
Cambridge 02138 661-0248
Tufts Skin Care Clinic (VD treatment) 956-5293

Eastern Mass. (617)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Gay Hotline 756-0730
Central Middlesex Social Club 897-3462
Mass. Teachers Assoc./Gay Rights Caucus
P.O. Box 75, New Salem 01355
North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance
Box 806, Marblehead, 01945 745-3848
Survival Crisis Line 471-7100
So. Shore Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Box 712, Bridgewater 02324 584-4997
Tri-County Assoc., c/o 219 East Main St,
Milford 01757 473-3529
Dignity Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 321, Methuen 01844
Central Mass Dignity/Integrity Group, Box 402,
Federal Sta., Worcester

WOMEN

New Bedford Women's Clinic 996-3341
Womantide (lesbian magazine), PO Box 963, P'town 02657
487-3393

STUDENT

Clark U. Gay Alliance, 950 Main, A-70
Gay Outreach Assoc. for Lowell (Univ.) Students
South Campus, Student Union Rm 348 453-3804
Salem State Gay Task Force
Salem St. College, Salem 01970 745-0556 (ext. 209)

Western Mass. (413)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Berkshire County Gay Coalition, P.O. Box 1562,
Pittsfield 01201, 442-1819
Lesbian and Gay Men's Counseling Collective
406F Student Union, UMass, Amherst 545-2645
GALA (Gay And Lesbian Activists)
Box 1084, Northampton 01061
Help Line 664-6391, 664-6392
Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance
Box 181, Northampton, 01061 584-7903
MCC Springfield, PO Box 15576,
Springfield 01105 (M-Sat 7-10pm)532-5211

WOMEN

Valley Wimmings Connection 586-6445
Common Woman Club, 78 Masonic St.,
Northampton 01060 584-4580
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Franklin Cty. Lesbian Alliance
P.O. Box 235, Deerfield 01342
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Lesbians United 33 Pearl St. Pittsfield, 01201 499-2425
New Alexandria Lesbian Library
Box 402, Florence, MA 01060 584-7616
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Valley Lesbian Alliance 665-4705; 253-3082, 774-5464

Northampton, MA — New Alexandria Lesbian Library; meeting for those interested in being Library workers or contributors. 7:30-10pm. Info: (413) 584-7616.
Cambridge, MA — Lesbian coming out discussion group. 2nd Mon. 8PM All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis. 1151 Mass Ave. Info:661-3663.
Portsmouth, NH — STO Clinic for men and women of all sexual orientations. NH Feminist Ctr., 232 Court St. (603) 436-7588. \$15 basic fee.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). New persons' meeting 6:30pm; general meeting and group discussion 7-9pm. For youth 22 and under. Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282.
Boston, MA — Boston Gay Men's Chorus meets every week from 7-10pm at the YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) Info: 522-6983.
Boston, MA — Fathers in Transition; gay/bi fathers meeting for support and friendship. Info: GCN, Box 6, 167 Tremont, Boston 02111.
Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA). 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: LAGMA, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St. Boston 02111.
Boston, MA — Luncheon for lesbians. Isolated during the workday downtown? Interested in a lunchtime hangout/discussion group? Come to 600 Washington St. room 219. Noon. Info: 542-5188.
Boston, MA — Medical Area Dykes meets for lunch. Noon to 1. Kresge Cafeteria, Harvard School of Public Health. Info: Katy 732-1090 ext 41.
Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LAGAES). Info: 288-3228.
Boston, MA — Project Place orientation. Every Wed. 6:30pm, 32 Rutland Place (So End). Info:262-3740.
Boston, MA — Luncheon for Lesbians. Hangout/discussion group. Come to 600 Washington St. Rm 219, Noon. Info:542-5188.
Cambridge, MA — Boston National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force meets 4th Wednesdays at 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (Central Sq.) Plan lobbying, public education and consciousness raising. Info: 661-6015.
Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis 35+ women's discussion and social group. 7:30pm. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) 8pm. 2nd Wednesday and last Friday of each month.
Bridgewater, MA — South Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Info: 584-4997.
Hampden County, MA — Social/support group for lesbians. 8pm. Info: Debbie 532-5878 or Julie 532-4959.
Hyannis, MA — Lesbian Support Group meets 1st Wednesday of every month. 7:30pm. New members welcome. Orientation, social meetings. Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St. Info: 771-6739.
Nashua, NH — Greater Nashua Area of NH Lambda sponsors speakers and/or raps on 2nd Wednesdays and 4th Thursdays. 7:30pm. Business meets on 1st Saturdays. Info: (603) 889-1416.
Hartford, CT — Lesbian AA meeting Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 8pm. Info: 247-8797.
Boston, MA — Mental Patients' Liberation Front; Boston City Hall, 5th floor hearing room next to Councilor Scondras' office, 6:30pm. Call to confirm meeting: 628-8438.

thursday

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation, an open discussion group 8-10pm. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) Info: 354-8807.

STUDENT

Hampshire College Gay Men's Alliance
Box 89, Amherst 01002
Lesbian & Gay Men's Counseling Collective
406F UMass Student Union, Amherst 545-2645
Lesbian Union, 920 Campus Center,
UMass, Amherst 01003 545-3438
People's Gay Alliance, 413 Student Union RSO 242,
UMass Amherst 01003 545-0154
Williams Gay Peoples Union
S.U. Box 3212, Williams College, Williamstown 01267

Vermont (802)

Gay AA/Burlington 862-4019
Central Vermont Gay Men, (CVGM),
Box 42, Barre 05641
Gay Student Alliance
Box 987, Johnson State Coll., Johnson 05656
Gay Student Union, U of Vt,Box 45, Billings Center
Burlington 05405
Gay People at Middlebury
Box D56, Middlebury College, 05753
Gay Volleyball 482-3528,862-4019
c/o Box 99, Hinesburg 05461
Interweave, Box 527, Derby Line 05830
Johnson St. Coll. Gay Student All.
Box 987, JSC, Johnson 05656
Lifestyles, Box 534, St. Johnsbury 05819
Rutland Area Gays (RAGS), Box 147,
Center Rutland 05736 (2nd Sats)
Social Alt. for Gay Men (SAM),
Box 479, Norwich, VT 05055 649-1304
Southern Vermont Gay Men 387-GAYS or (603) 756-4226
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center,
187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701 775-1946
Vermonters for Lesbian/Gay Rights (VLGR),
Pearls Restaurant, Pearl St, Burlington 879-1867
Women's Center, P.O. Box 92 Burlington 05401 863-1236
Integrity, Box 126, Burlington 05402 864-7198

Maine (207)

Gay Phoneline (Caribou) 896-5888
AWA (Male), Box 746, Old Orchard Beach 04064
Bates Gay/Straight Alliance, Health Ctr.
Bates College, Lewiston 04240
Bowdoin College Gay/Straight Alliance,
Brunswick 04011
Dignity/Maine, Box 7021, Lewiston 04240
Down East Gay Alliance, Box O, Ellsworth 04605
Gay Peoples Alliance
92 Bedford St., Portland 04103 780-4085
Interweave: Unit./Univ. Gay/Lesbian
Community, Box 215, Augusta 04330 797-3246
Lesbian Rap Group, 92 Bedford St., Portland
MCC Portland, Box 583 Westbrook 04092
Mid-Coast Gay Men, P.O. Box 496, Camden 04843 236-9015
Northern Lambda Nord, P.O. Box 990, Caribou 04736
Maine Lesbian Feminists P.O. Box 125, Belfast 04915
Portland Women's Community
c/o D. Elze, 15 Deering Ave., Portland 04101
Unitarian-Universalist Lesbian and Gay Caucus
125 Auburn St., Portland 04104 773-2121
Wilde-Stein Club, c/o Memorial Union,
U. of Maine, Orono 04469 581-1288
Parents & Friends of Gays 549-7325(eves & wkends)
Orthodox Community of Holy Apostles,
RFD Box 680, N. Whitefield 04353 549-7325
The Maine Chapter (social org.) Box 1255, Ellsworth 04605

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR LISTINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY WRITING: QGG, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

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Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Ctr., 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) Info:354-8807.
Cambridge, MA — Younger Lesbian Support Group. All women 22 and under welcome. 4th Thurs. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass Ave. Info:661-3663.
Allston, MA — Local group forming to discuss issues of feminism and non-violence. Meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. Allston-Brighton Women for Peace and Justice. Info:254-2272.
Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 584-7903 or write PO Box 181, Northampton 01061.
Hartford, CT — Gay Al-Anon meeting for lesbians and gay men at Trinity Church Parish House, Farmington Ave 7:30pm. Info: 247-8797.
Kingston, RI — U. of Rhode Island Gay Task Force meets at Women's Center, URI Campus. 6:30pm.

friday

Boston, MA — *Gay Community News* (that's us) always needs help sending out the paper on Friday evenings. Come by for a few hours to 167 Tremont St. 5th fl. (on the Common, near Boylston T stop) anytime after 6pm and lend a hand. Refreshments and good times! Every body well come! Info: 426-4469. Thanks!
Cambridge, MA — Amazon Lesbian Al-Anon. Mt. Auburn Hosp. Living Rm., Clark Bldg. 8-9:30pm. Newcomers meeting from 7-8pm on the 1st Friday.
Pittsfield, MA — Weekly meetings of Lesbian United. Info: Women's Services Ctr. 499-2425.
Concord, NH — Concord Men's Group meets at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Herb 485-5612.
Danbury, CT — Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Greater Danbury meets 7:30-10pm in the Green Room of First Congregational Church, corner of Deer Hill Ave. and West St.
Hartford, CT — Your Turf, a weekly drop-in center for lesbian and gay teenagers. 7-9pm at the Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave., upstairs. Sponsored by the Coalition of Sexual Minorities.
Portland, ME — Gay People's Alliance group. 7-9pm. Student Union Bldg. 92 Bedford St. Info:780-4085.

saturday

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mountain Club. Regularly scheduled sports and outdoors events. General info: John 275-1336; Linda 734-4066; John 864-0823. Volleyball: Jay 262-4896. Basketball: Kieran 232-7229.
Boston, MA — Front Runners/Boston. Gay men and lesbian running club. Weekly run Sat., 9:00 a.m., Sun.,10:30 a.m. Meet at Hatch Shell-Esplanade. Info about weekly run: 288-4626;Front-Runners Info: 39 Millrod, Boston 02118 or 451-6364.
Providence, RI — Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian Youth meets every week from 1-5pm. For youth 14-21. Info: MCC 272-9247 or Gay Help Line 751-3322 (eves).
Bangor, ME — Interweave, a support group for gay men and lesbians. Meets 3rd Sat. Potluck at 6pm followed by program. Unitarian Church, Main St.
Burlington, VT — Integrity (Gay Episcopalians and their friends) meets 1st and 3rd Sat. St. Paul's Cathedral, 7:55pm. Info: Bruce 864-7198.
Burlington, VT — Vermonters for Lesbian & Gay Rights meets at Pearl's Restaurant (upstairs). 1st and 3rd Sat. 6-7:30. Info: VLGR, Box 126, Burl. 05402.
Boston, MA — Women in Music radio show: 6-10am, WERS-FM 88.9. Info: Yana. 522-6899.

CALENDAR

July 21 to August 5

21 saturday

Somerville — Peace and Disarmament reading by Denise Levertov, Suzanne Berger, Ed Cates, Beatrice Hawley and others. Reception, refreshments, admission is free. OPENAIR Theater, 25 Village St., 4 PM. Reservations: 625-1194.

Orono, Maine — Gay Dance sponsored by Wilde-Stein Club. Alcohol-free space. Damn Yankee Room, Union Bldg., University of Maine. 8PM-1AM, \$2.50 admission. Info: (207) 581-1288.

Natick — Tri-County Association pool party and cook-out at Bruce and Peter's home, 80 Farwell St. Bring food, drink, and lawn chairs. All Welcome! Call for directions: 655-5644.

Newport, R.I. — Daytrip to Newport for all women. Join us to explore the railroad barons' "summer bungalows," picnic lunch, swimming, stroll along the cliff walk. Meet at the Breaker's parking lot 11:30 AM. Admission to 2 mansions \$6. Sponsored by Boston Daughters of Bilitis. Directions and info: 661-3633.

22 sunday

Allston — Picnic fundraiser to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Nicaraguan Revolution. Food, games and traditional Andean music by Fortaleza and other local musicians. At noon at the Christian Herter Park off Soldier's Field Road. Rain date July 29. \$5 admission. Info: CASA: 492-8699.

Allston — Community meeting to discuss recent rapes: issues ranging from designing legislation to reactivating the Green Light program to improving city services. 7PM in the gym bldg., Jackson Mann Community School, Union Sq. Info: 725-3113, 254-3555.

Rhode Island — Tour of America's Oldest Synagogue and Picnic in Newport, R.I. Meet at Touro Synagogue at 1 PM. Sponsored by Am Tikva. Info: 782-8894.

Holliston — Tri-County Association Steering Committee meets at Cliff and Dave's house, 320 Winter St., All Welcome. Call for directions: 429-6593.

24 tuesday

Provincetown — Nyla Wade mystery author, **Vicki McConnell** reading at Womencrafts. 5PM on the beach. 487-2501.

25 wednesday

Boston — Community Hearing on Cases of Police Misconduct. 7-9:30PM, Harriet Tubman House, corner of Columbus and Mass. Ave. Info: Councillor Yancey's office: 725-3131. Note: people are needed who would be willing to testify about abuse they have received from the Boston Police.

Boston — Boston Bisexual Women's Network general meeting. Open to all women, 7:30 PM upstairs at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. We will discuss "Stepping Out: Bisexuals in Women's Bars." The meeting is free and newcomers are especially welcome. For more info. write: BBWN, P.O. Box 1534, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

26 thursday

Cambridge — Middle East Update. Speaker: Dan Petergorsky with slide show: "From the West Bank to Armageddon: the Direction of U.S. Policy in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict." Cambridge Public Library, 45 Pearl St. 7pm. Free admission. Info: Mobilization for Survival, 354-0008.



Thom Hoffman and Jeroen Krabbe in *The Fourth Man*: "Catholic horror."

28 saturday

Jamaica Plain — Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists meet at 12:30PM, the main entrance of the Arnold Arboretum. Bring lunch. Visitors welcome. Info: 288-3228.

Jamaica Plain — "Coming Out and Staying Out: when the closet is no longer big enough or safe enough," a workshop with Freda Rosen, sponsored by Boston Institute for Social Therapy and Research. 2-5PM, 715 Centre St., \$10 fee. Info: 524-7710.

Somerville — "A Stone's Throw Away," a musical celebration of human achievement, by a company of young actors ages 14-22. 4pm, open air theater, 25 Village St. Tickets: \$5 at the door, \$4 in advance. For reservations call 661-PAND.

29 sunday

Coolidge Corner — Potluck barbecue for lesbians and gay men in the Brighton/Brookline area. 5PM. For specific info: Rachael: 277-0230.

Cambridge — Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing will meet on the lawn of the Public Library, 449 Broadway. 3-5:30PM, beginners welcome. Info: 423-0942.

Randolph — Women's Craft Market at Randolph Country Club, 11am-6pm. Pool — (non-members) \$3. Bus leaves Boston Public Library at 10am & 11am, returns at 3:30pm & 5pm — \$5 round trip. For info: 628-8065 or 324-6822.

Randolph — Somerville/Medford Gay and Lesbian Alliance outing at the Randolph Country Club. This is a change of date from August 5. Info: 625-3172, 628-5875.

Rowe — Strength and Power: A week-long conference for women. (July 29-Aug 4) Registration \$200. for the week. Please send half the cost (make checks payable to Rowe Camp, Inc.) to: Registrar, Rowe Camp, Kings Highway, Rowe, MA 01367.



Provincetown — Cruise to benefit the AIDS Action Committee. Leaves Commonwealth Pier at noon, returns at 11pm. \$25. Ticket charge includes roundtrip cruise, buffet lunch on board, entertainment and dancing on board. Tickets available through AIDS Action Committee, Buddies Bar, and Forex Travel. Note: This cruise was originally scheduled for July 3. Tickets for July 3 will be honored for this cruise or may be refunded by writing AAC, 16 Haviland St. Boston 02115. Info: 536-7733.

4 saturday

Cambridge — Celebrate Summer at AMETHYST WOMEN'S "A Summer's Night Dance." 9PM-1AM at Old Cambridge Baptist Church. \$4.00 (More if/Less if). This is a drug- and alcohol-free event for women. Child care provided.

5 sunday

Holliston — Tri-County Association discussion group will show the movie "Partners." 8PM, 320 Winter St. Info: Cliff or Dave: 429-6593.

Notes

The Fourth Man. Directed by Paul Verhoeven. With Jeroen Krabbe, Renee Southendijk, Thom Hoffman. At the Nickelodeon.

The Fourth Man by Paul Verhoeven, who released the homoerotic *Spetters* last year, is being billed as the first "Gay, Catholic, Horror film." (Bunny La Rue has pointed out that this distinction actually goes to the 1961 Christ/kitsch *King of Kings* with Jeffrey Hunter.) The ad copy pretty well sums up the movie. The only way to make it more accurate would be to remove the second comma: *The Fourth Man* is much more about specifically "Catholic horror" than any more random fright.

Taking its cues from such diverse films as Hitchcock's *Spellbound*, Roeg's *Don't Look Now*, Clouzot *Diabolique* and most importantly from Wiene's *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, *The Fourth Man* charts the mental disintegration of a writer's mind induced by the conflict between his (homo)sexuality and his (Roman) Catholicism. Part mystery, part thriller, the film is a vivid exploration of the machinations of a fervid Catholic imagination.

Unhappy, drunkard writer Gerard Reve (Jeroen Krabbe) gets the hots for Herman (Thom Hoffman), a young man Gerard notices in a train station while on his way to present a lecture. At his talk, he meets Christine (Renee Soutendijk) whom he finds attractive for her money, her boyish body and also, as it turns out, for her lover — Herman. While Gerard thinks he is putting one over on Christine, he discovers that she has been mysteriously widowed three times, and he begins to worry that he may become the title character.

The world in *The Fourth Man* is all seen through Gerard's doom-laden, religiously overwrought mind. Death is always falling from the sky or washing up on beaches. Christine constantly wears whorish red outfits and smiles a seductive sphinx-like smile, while another woman, dressed in madonna blue and sporting a Christly child and a carpenter husband, keeps on appearing as a glimpse of salvation. When director Verhoeven isn't tossing, at top speed, religious iconography at the audience, he is plying us with the most obvious of Freudian symbolism. Like his borrowings from other films, these blatant literary touches both highlight his story and key the audience in on the joke. Although we are privy to Gerard's mental disengagements, we are removed enough to see through them. We know not to take them seriously.

The Fourth Man wants to have it every which way. A mystery thriller with a touch of camp and enough "weirdness" to be both interesting and chic. It has a cool, modernist style that places its medieval imagery into a nice relief and prevents us from getting too close to the content. Thoroughly calculated, it sometimes overestimates itself and verges on cuteness when it means only to be overly clever. As Tallulah Bankhead once remarked about a Maeterlinck play, "There is less here than meets the eye." But despite overambitions and neglect of content for the sake of style, *The Fourth Man* does succeed. By playing more games than most other movies even attempt, it plays its own losses and still comes out winning. There may be less here than meets the eye (such a good line, I can't resist using it twice), but there is a lot more than you get in most other films.

— Michael Bronski

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FALL SUBLET
LF for Sept-Nov. Sublet in Cambridgeport. Rent is \$132 + util, share with 4 others. Call 661-6771. (5)

APARTMENT WANTED

2 LF and 1 friendly cat looking for 2 br in Brighton, Oak Sq area preferably. Would like for Sept 1 or Oct 1. Call evenings 254-8828. (4)

HELP!
2M lovers + friendly dog looking for 1 br apt-Back Bay-South End-Beacon Hill. Good references from present landlord. Call Jeff, work # 523-7441 or Jim, work # 395-4884. (3)

Stable, prof LF, age 37, seeks Boston area apartment for self + 2 cats + shared household fine. Call 371-1650, leave message for Jan. (5)

Stable GWM couple seek 2 bedroom apt or house for Sept 1, within 10 miles of Framlingham that will allow 1 medium dog. Call 881-5860. (4)

APARTMENTS

JP-Arboretum area 2 or 3 bdms, hdwd fl sunny, owner occ 3 decker, insulated, quiet st nr T 522-0345 \$550 lv message avail Sept 1. (3)

Dorchester owner occupied renov. 6 rms 2 bdrm, remld bath + kit refrig, flr sanded \$350/mo no util 282-3216 eyes (3)

DORCHESTER APARTMENT
Fields Corner Meeting House Hill Area 5 rooms currently used as 3 bdrm mod kitchen and bath \$425 per mo unheated Security dep profess. people pref (617)585-6637. (3)

Dorchester-Meeting House Hill. Six room apartment with ocean view. Walk to Red Line. Pets welcome. \$500 plus utilities. Call Jane (617)282-3314. (3)

Beacon Hill apartment 2 bedroom w/wall to wall modern kitchen heat + hot water inc 450/m Call 268-6300. (3)

HOUSES

VICTORIAN W/MANY EXTRAS
10 rm hse, 5 brs, gas h/hw, wood stove, encl yard + drive, garage, secure, Red Line 2 blks. \$1200. Avail 9/1. Lease + sec. dep. Call 288-0567 Lv message (3)

ROOMS

Gay rooming hse. Mass Ave, South End, Boston. Clean, safe rooms, large yard, laundry, community kitchen, hotplate + ret in room, call Mike 542-2137. (6)

ROOMMATES

Newton: LF wanted for attractive spacious apt. Beautiful, convenient area. Garden, fireplace, porch, pkg, no cigs. \$275 + low util. 244-0910. (4)

CAMB/PORTER SQ
GM seeks prof GM or LF to share apt in Camb/Port Sq. Avail Aug 1 \$225 inc util and off st pkg. 576-2223. (3)

L seeks L 25+ to share sunny spac 6 rm apt in Wat. 2 pchs ypl near T. 350/mo incl util no pets or smokers. Please 923-8549 leave message. (4)

LF RMATE CAMBRIDGE AUG 1
LF prof 24 seeks quiet ind LF for 6 room attractive apt-E. Camb. No pets, drugs + non-political household. Call Debbie 497-7726 \$185 + low util. (3)

2 GM seek 3rd to share large comfortable house in Arlington Heights. Available 9/1. \$245 + utilities. No pets or smokers please. 648-0507 (5)

GWL 30+ seeks same to share large sunny apt with porch 3rd floor. All private Central Sq rent is 550 + gas, utils. Artist + writer from SC call 491-6050 btwn 7:30 + 8:30pm. (3)

Feminist housemate wanted to share 3 bedroom house in Belmont with L 33 in quiet residential area near T-line August or Sept. 15. Rent 300 + Call 484-4152 no pets. (4)

Quiet, resp. LF 30+ sks same to share 5 rm apt w/beautiful yard \$200 + util available immed Somerville 776-2147. (4)

FRAM AREA
GM prof, disc, sks same for lg 3 bdrm apt in priv home 5 min. Pike, Rt 9 + 495, \$300 + util. 879-7487. (4)

S END SKS WMCPL TO SHARE
Furn lux dplx apt roof deck laundry pr more. Lots of closet space. Sunny spacious excel. view must be steady working resp neat clean \$275/mo + 1/2 util + \$100 util dep each must see to believe 247-4013 Peter lv message. (4)

LF/15 year old daughter seek hse/apt to share or LF (with or w/o child) to establish same. Prefer Somrvl. Call 527-6402 after 7:30 pm evenings. (3)

LF 28 seeks same, 25 to 35, to share apt in Newton or Brookline area. \$250/300 per month. I am quiet, responsible and honest. Call Sherry at 846-8459. (4)

Responsible student sks lodging in Boston area (with 1 or 2 others) suitable for comf living and thesis writing. Pref less than \$300/m inc util and access to T (esp Red Line) + buses. Start 9/1. Call Will 262-3485 eves, weekends; msg if not there. Thanx! (4)

LF 35 wants LF to share very nice 2 bdrm apt in Somerville \$225 mo incl util quiet, no smoking, another cat ok Avail Aug 1 Call 625-6454. (3)

Feminist woman seeks same pref 30 + yrs to share spacious beautiful 2 fl apt in W Somerville must be extremely clean and want very indep but friendly lifestyle no pets please call (617)625-7929 eves or 661-1319 days. (3)

Responsible feminist rmte wanted woman 25-30. Avail Aug 1 own rooms in lrg Newton Ctre hse near T no pets non-smkr \$200 + util. References helpful 965-4432 evenings. (4)

MELVILLE PARK, DORCH
2 men sk 1 GM to share lg reno Vict apt in good area nr stores + Red T. We are neat quiet resp, tobac-free, not lovers. \$200 + util \$55, sec. dep. Call 288-3228 B4 10 p.m. Avail now. (4)

GWM ROOMMATE WANTED
GWM, 32, seeks GWM, 30+, share 5 room Somerville apt. 15 min. to Harvard Sq. Washer, air cond. For Aug 1st. \$150 mo + util. Call Ed mornings at 776-6988. Smokers OK. (3)

Sk M-F late 20's/early 30 to join 2 indep, prof GMs. Lg sunny apt Union Sq Som vic. Non-smkr, no pets. \$215/mo incl. 666-4283 or 253-6225 Hugh. (3)

COMFY HOME IN NATICK
3 LF + cat seek 1 LF to share home in quiet suburbs. Non-smoking. No more pets. Share chores and fun. W/D, parking, garden, lake, woodstove. 185 + util. Joyce 617-655-8618 eves. (7)

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LF 34 prof sks LF. Pref 25+, quiet, neat, semi-veg for spacious 2-br in Bri. house w/porches, yard, nr trans, River. No smoke, pets. \$250. 783-0204. (3)

26 yr GWM seeks two to shr large, sunny, quiet apt in JP. I'm active, cooperative and friendly. Professionals, artists are welcome. Neatness and financial security a must. Nice place for creative, thoughtful GWM or GL. Rent 167 + util Call Kevin 7-10pm only 524-5307. (3)

L seeks 2 of same to share cozy, well-lit 3rd flr. Harvard Sq apt for independent living situation. \$142 rent includes heat. Already have 1 kitty. Call 770-0226 (d), 354-7457 (e). Ask for Jade. (3)

LF 26 seeks LF 25+ to share sunny, 2 bdrm E. Arlington apt. Independent. Friendly. \$275/mo. Includes heat Avail 9/1 Call Kathleen 641-0834 eves + wknds. (2)

REAL ESTATE

P'TOWN
2 bedroom condo, individual cottages, 45K. Call Sue, Jamaica Plain Real Estate, 524-5464. (3)

ACCOMMODATIONS

VERMONT GUESTHOUSE
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P.TOWN WATERFRONT STUDIO
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I would like to hear from aggressive women, age 30 to 40. I am financially stable and would like to find someone to care about. I am free in December and am willing to relocate. Please write Nancy KRUEGER, 46239, 2605 State St., Salem OR 97310.

I would like to correspond with some caring women. I play guitar, write short stories and poetry, draw, paint and love to dance. I will answer all replies. I'm lonely and need some support from people out there. Bonnie PLOTNER, 18362, BB1137, Frontera CA 91720.

Seeking a friend from the free world. I love tennis, volleyball, all kinds of music. I will answer all letters sent to me. Marcella KNOX, W17722, Harrison A634, Frontera CA 91720.



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Master magician and mystic, having written 5 books on occultism, one of which was about homosexual magic, wants to write (and have visits from if possible) a transvestite. Paul COPPOLLA, 75A 1884, Box 149, Attica NY 14011.

I would enjoy writing to anyone that would like to. My interests are reading, fine music, and someone to care for as that is utmost in my life. Thank you again for your support and your help. John W. WALKER, 346403, Box 16 (H-1-2), Lovelady TX 75851.

I have 18 months left (after 7 years "down") and am nervous as to the changes that I will have to overcome. I am very alone in this world. Are you that someone special? If so, send SASE. Will answer all. Stephen TONEY, 063588 (737), PO Box 1500, Cross City FL 32628.

Thanks for the books! I'll need them here in so-called 'protective custody' (isolation) where they couldn't put a fem gay for forgery but they could put me here after one of their boys raped me (for my 'protection'; why don't they put him in here!) I'd sure like to hear from somebody out there for friendship! (I'm especially interested in Texas, but would be so glad to write to someone from anywhere!) Respectfully, Norman STOUT, PO Box 41, 29641, Michigan City IN 46360.

Young man seeks a father figure for correspondence and hopefully a long lasting relationship. I am presently a prisoner but will see the parole board soon and would like to get to know someone on the outside (I'm not permitted to write other prisoners.) Mitch BUSTAMONT, PO Box 14, Boise ID 83707.

Please put an ad in for me. I have a lot of friends out there in Mass. Maybe the ad will wake a few of them up and maybe they will write me here. I'm 46, into good times, sports music and would like to hear from anyone who just is looking for a sincere friend. Louis ROYCE, PO Box 1000, 30563-138, Leavenworth KS 66048

Prisoners Seeking Friends

"In an unjust state, the only place for a just person is in jail."

I received your sample paper and have not totally finished it yet but I feel the need to express my appreciation by informing you that it's great! Please feel free to place me on your penpal list and to send me any extra books in any category. I'm openminded to universal topics. I will be more than happy to write you for publication or whatever about my experiences here in prison in the overall political view and also my personal one. Thank you! Thomas M. HENRY, 81A-4477, H4-35, Box B, Dannemora NY 12929.



One of the other prisoners here gave me your address and said you would print an ad free for gay men in prison, so please put me on your list for correspondence at your earliest possible convenience. I will answer all. SASE please. Thanks so much. Patrick E. TRIMBLE, Box 900 CP-6, Jefferson City MO 65102.

Lonely male model doing time. Would like to hear from males or couples. Brian MILLIKAN, 367302, Rt 4 Box 1100, Rosharon TX 77583.

Seeking mature gay man to develop friendship (or more?) My interests are fishing, long walks in the woods, quiet music, writing, boats, cars, to love and be loved. Please send SASE. Timothy TUCKER, 092637 (278), POBox 1500, Cross City FL 32628.

I am hoping to come live in the Boston area when I am released and it would be good to have a friend or two in the vicinity. My 'crime' was non-violent (drugs) and I want to study law when I am able. Robert TURNER, 157-758, PO Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

I would like to hear from someone who is sincere and looking for a possible relationship. I have one year left to do and will relocate when I get out. Please send picture with response if possible, age means nothing. Robert GILLIGAN, 079016, PO Box 99 (238), Clermont FL 32711.



I weigh 180 and have been an avid bodybuilder for years. My interests are focussed towards feminine type gay males who treasure the value of caring. Respect and sincerity a must. Salvador MEDINA, 18254, Box 14, Boise ID 83707.

I am straight appearing and seek a relationship with intelligent, for real individual interested in sharing love, hopes and ideas. Richard CLEMONS, 9777, Box 41, Michigan City IN 46360.

Soon to be released and seeking correspondence from passive or active gay males who have an interest for making friends with me. I am well built, enjoy sex, good conversation, sports, bridge, chess and bodybuilding. Age and race do not matter. Leonard ROSE, 151-035, Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

My name is Blue Eyes and I have about three months till I'm released and would like to have a friend out there waiting for someone to love. I would be more than glad to mail a photo. So if you think you can handle a fine thing like me please write. David YATES, 158294, Box E, Jackson MI 49204.

Young incarcerated male seeks correspondence with gays for friendship. Am sincere, seek same. Anthony ROBESON, 066602, 3876 Evans Rd, Box 50, Polk City FL 33868.



My family deserted me when I went to live with my lover, and then he deserted me when I came here. I don't cry victim, but I am hurt and lonely inside. I hope you can help. If anyone can write please have them include a SASE. Thanks. Richard SHUMARD, C68177, PO Box A, SLO CA 93409.

I laugh in tears, and hope without a hope; I take comfort in harsh despair; I rejoice and have no pleasure; I'm strong without strength or power; Eagerly welcomed and rebuffed by all. I just want to be a survivor. I can't put everything into one letter so I'll let you go for now. Leonard TRIPLETT, Box 900 - 37689, Jefferson City MO 65102.

I have been in here 5 years, in 'protective' custody due to the dangers of having my sexual preference, so I have plenty of time to write letters. EVERYONE welcome to write! Charlie COOPER, PO Box B-46558, Florence AZ 85232.

Would like letters from gay men, 33-100, for a good relationship. I got less than a year to go. Jerry L David, 330126, PO Box 16, Lovelady TX 75851

Would like to write to anyone who would like to write to me. David DANIELS, 264020, Box 16, Lovelady TX 75851.



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